

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Stassen Report

THE tone of Mr Harold Stassen's report on East-West trade provides a welcome and much needed change from the strident and unbalanced comments of some of Congress's more vociferous, but less informed "students" on the subject. As an expression of official American policy it is both dispassionate and intriguing. Of particular interest is Mr Stassen's references to America's "shifts of emphasis" in the reorientation of her policy in the matter of trading between the Western world and the Soviet bloc. In some respects these "shifts of emphasis" display inconsistency. For example, while the US Administration is prepared to modify to some extent trading relations with the Soviet bloc in Europe, it will not consider for a moment any relaxation of the total embargo against the Communist bloc in the Far East. The logic is not easily understood. If trading in certain approved commodities with Russia and her European satellites can, as the report admits, be helpful to the Western powers, why should they not also reap similar advantages from trading with Communist China in an approved range of commodities, especially consumer goods? There will be no quarrel with Mr Stassen's objections to the extremist schools of thought—those who advocate complete and unrestricted trade with the Communist bloc, and those who demand that all trade of any nature cease between the Western powers and the Reds. Nevertheless if it is good enough for the free world to trade with Russia and her European associates, how can it be harmful for the same nations to have trading relations with Communist China?

THE Stassen report is, nonetheless, an encouraging document. At least it recognises the right for West European nations, who are struggling to make themselves economically solvent, to apply reasonable trading policies with the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, and the pledge that the United States has no intention of trying to coerce her allies into accepting and adopting the more rigid American policies will be received with relief. This is the answer to Mr Bevan and his associates who are constantly harping on the theme that all of Britain's foreign policies, economic as well as political, are being dictated by Washington. This assurance by Mr Stassen also gives notice to the American extremists of the McCarthy, Knowland clique that the Administration is not going to be talked into adopting policies which could only be inimical to relations between the United States and her friends in Western Europe. There remains another point in the Stassen report deserving notice. The claim is made that ample scope exists for the free world to develop trade within itself; that the combined resources of the free world are greater than those of the Soviet bloc and its potentialities tremendous. This is true, but at the moment only theoretically so. Too many trade barriers exist for the free world to make the fullest use of its potentialities as a self-sustaining market, capable of meeting all the requirements of demand and supply. If Mr Stassen's vision is to be fulfilled the free world's trading gates must be opened much wider than they are today, and the lead in this direction must come from America herself. If tariff walls were at least partially demolished, the free world could begin to attain that trading self-sufficiency which the Stassen report envisages.

SECRET GENEVA MEETING

WAS "USEFUL"

Dulles Creates Confusion

INTERVENTION TALKS

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, May 17. There is still confusion among Allied diplomats as a result of Mr Dulles' decision to hold talks with France about possible direct American intervention in Indo-China. These talks were arranged without telling Britain, and Mr Eden has protested vigorously. Sir Winston Churchill, owing to Mr Dulles' tactics, was forced to change his plan for giving Parliament a progress report today on the Geneva conference. Instead, he re-emphasised his policy of not making any new Far East commitments until after the conference ends. The results of the American move looked dangerous at first, and British diplomats thought it would destroy the chances of getting the Asian members of the Commonwealth to co-operate in guaranteeing an Indo-China settlement. It seemed tonight, however, there is still hope of getting the co-operation. Why did Mr Dulles arrange the Franco-American discussions? It is believed he is impatient with Britain's attitude to new world to trade with Russia and that he is trying to exert pressure to change this policy. Mr Dulles has failed, however, to get either Australia or New Zealand to desert the British line.

STRAIGHT CHOICE
So he has a straight choice. He can co-operate with Britain and the Commonwealth or can go ahead with independent planning for the Far East. Tonight it seemed, despite recent actions, that Mr Dulles prefers the first choice. Meanwhile in Geneva also there is anxiety over the apparent widening of Anglo-American divergence of policy on Indo-China. Yesterday Mr Bedell Smith paid a hush-hush visit to Bao Dai, now staying at Evian just over the French border from Geneva. It is thought in Geneva that if negotiations break down it will be an appeal from Bao Dai for direct military aid which will start off American intervention. One big difficulty now is the absence of the three Commonwealth foreign ministers who gave Mr Eden vigorous support in the early stages. Mr Casey of Australia, Mr Webb of New Zealand, and Mr Pearson of Canada have all left and their absence is most noticeable in questions affecting Anglo-American relations.

Paris, May 17. M. Maurice Schumann, French deputy Foreign Minister, saw the American Ambassador, Mr John Dillon, tonight for another exchange of views on what the United States is prepared to do to assist France in Indo-China. The French Government wants to know: 1. What America would do if the military situation in Indo-China deteriorated; 2. What it would do if the Geneva negotiations broke down.

The main Franco-American talks on this subject have not yet begun, and it has not even been decided yet whether they should take place in Paris or in Washington. What is being discussed on an ambassadorial level is the preliminaries to the talks, well informed sources said tonight.—Reuter.

Some Progress On Subject Of Indo-China

SOVIETS AND CHINESE MORE CONCILIATORY

Geneva, May 17.

The nine nations trying to end the seven-year Indo-China war had "useful discussion and made some progress" on restoring peace at their first secret session here today, authoritative conference sources said tonight.

The Communists however, did not drop their demand that Laos and Cambodia, two of the three associated states of Indo-China, must be included in any peace settlement.

The West maintains that these two smaller states cannot be put on the same footing as Vietnam because they are threatened with aggression from outside by the Vietminh in Vietnam.

The sources said that no agreement was reached in the dispute over the evacuation of the French Union wounded from the fallen fortress of Dien Bien Phu but the Russians and the Chinese appeared to be more conciliatory than the Vietminh delegates.

Western delegates were thus hopeful that the problem could be resolved.

A second secret session has been fixed for tomorrow.

New Plan To Evacuate Wounded

Salon, May 17.

The French High Command today broadcast a series of new proposals to the Vietminh high command for the evacuation of the wounded of Dien Bien Phu: 1. The Dien Bien Phu airfield will be restored for the use of Dakota planes, the work to be done either by the Vietminh or the French.

2. When the airfield has been made usable the wounded will be airlifted by the Dakotas, without any limit to the number of round trips the planes may make.

3. All air operations against Highway 41 between Dien Bien Phu and Sonla will be called off for the necessary time to allow the Vietminh to evacuate their wounded by this road. Traffic not being used for this purpose will be forbidden on this stretch. Mixed commissions, which might include neutrals, will be established in the areas of Dien Bien Phu, Tuan Giao, Ban Vay and Sonla to check the road traffic. The Vietminh high command will announce the date on which this evacuation is to begin, giving 48 hours' notice to allow the mixed commission time to take up their positions.

4. The French High Command assumes that Vietnamese wounded will be evacuated under exactly the same conditions as those of other nationalities in conformity with the agreement reached at Geneva. 5. The mixed commission will clarify the wounded and select those to be evacuated. As soon as the present agreement is accepted the French High Command will have the right to procure medical supplies and other material needed for all the wounded. 6. The French High Command also offers to procure medical supplies for the Vietminh command for the use of their own seriously wounded if these are seriously wounded. Further transport by air either to an airfield in Vietnamese hands or to a French hospital any seriously wounded Vietminh for whom a wound might be fatal. Any Vietnamese taken to a French hospital would be returned as soon as they were fit enough.—France-Press.

A communiqué issued after today's first closed meeting which lasted three and a quarter hours said merely that they had discussed the question of evacuating wounded from the fallen French fortress of Dien Bien Phu and "the problem of restoring peace to Indo-China."

The French High Command in Indo-China has declared the evacuation agreement reached soon after the peace talks opened here on May 8 is "unworkable" and that it intended to resume the bombing of a key Vietminh supply route leading to the threatened Red River delta.

The United States has backed French charges that the Vietminh forces are seeking to gain a big military advantage from the original agreement to evacuate the fortress wounded. Both countries also expressed fears about discrimination against Vietnamese wounded of the Dien Bien Phu garrison.

FRENCH PESSIMISM

French sources said after today's secret session that they were pessimistic at this stage on the chances of agreement over the wounded question.

The dispute took up the first part of the session which was attended by the foreign ministers of Britain, France, the United States, the Soviet Union, Communist China, the three Indo-China Associated States of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and the Vietminh. With each minister were a few picked advisers.

Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary—on whose initiative the secret sessions were arranged—presided over today's meeting. It marked what was generally regarded as the start of the most decisive week of the Indo-China conference.

Earlier today, Mr Eden received a reply from Mr Phan Van Dong, Vietminh deputy Premier, whom he had invited to make a statement about the Dien Bien Phu wounded.

Mr Dong said he understood that the evacuation problem had been solved satisfactorily. But his letter was sent before the French High Command announcement that it would resume.—(Contd. on back page, Col. 2.)



Prince Charles and Princess Anne recently visited Gibraltar's famous colony of monkeys and this composite picture shows some of the highlights of the visit. Top left, Princess Anne is quite at ease as she gives a banana to a monkey; top right, two baby monkeys queue up for peanuts from Prince Charles; bottom left, Major A.C. James puts out a restraining hand as the princess gets down on the ground very near the edge of the parapet to play with a baby monkey; bottom right, she reaches up to shake hands with one of the animals.—AP Photos.

Reds Ship Arms To Guatemala

Washington, May 17.

The State Department said today that 'an important shipment of arms' had been sent to Guatemala from "Soviet-controlled territory."

The announcement said the State Department "considers that this is a development of gravity."

Without elaborating it said the arms cargo was now being unloaded at the Guatemalan port of Puerto Barrios after arriving on Saturday.

The arms, the State Department said, were shipped from the Communist-administered port of Sittim, Hungary in East Germany and now in Communist-run Poland.

The Department Press Officer, Mr Lincoln White, refused to say where the arms were manufactured. Nor would he answer questions about the specific amount involved in the shipment.

"Because of the origin of these arms, the point of their embarkation, their destination and the quantity of arms involved, the Department of State considers that this is a development of gravity," Mr White said in his announcement. He declined to say what action, if any, the United States proposed to take.

Mr John E. Fucillo, United States Ambassador to Guatemala, returned to his post last week after nearly two weeks of consultation with Department officials about developments in that area.

CABLING GUATEMALA

A spokesman at the Guatemalan Embassy said that the State Department's announcement was being cabled to the Guatemalan Government. He said the Embassy would have no comment.

The State Department's announcement read: "The Department of State is in receipt of reliable information to the effect that an important shipment of arms, has been effected from Soviet-controlled territory to Guatemala."

"On Saturday, May 15, the ship, Alhambra, believed to be under charter, arrived at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, carrying a large shipment of armament consigned to the Guatemalan Government. This armament is now being unloaded at Puerto Barrios. We are advised that the armament was shipped from the Communist-administered port of Sittim.

"Because of the origin of the arms, the point of their embarkation, their destination and the quantity of arms involved, the Department of State considers that this is a development of gravity."—Reuter.

SINGAPORE'S CONSTITUTION

London, May 17.

A Colonial Office report revealed today that the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, and the Governor of Singapore, Sir John Nicol, have agreed that the Colony's new constitution be put into effect at an early date by drafting the necessary constitutional instruments.

A new constitution, giving a real measure of responsibility to the legislative assembly and the elected ministers, was recommended by a commission which made its report last February.—France-Press.

Bicycle Tied To Weather Vane

Oxford, May 17.

A joker climbed the dome of the (old) Institute, Oxford, during the night and tied a man's bicycle to the weather vane 80 feet above the University City's streets.—China Mail Special.

Gambler Costello Sentenced To 5 Years

New York, May 17. Gambler Frank Costello, called by the prosecution "the symbol of the successful racketeer," was sentenced today to five years in prison and fined \$30,000 (\$10,700) for tax evasion.

Costello, 63, was convicted last Thursday of evading \$39,016 (\$13,933) in Federal income tax. The jury were out for eight hours.

The judge postponed sentence until today on the man who when asked by the Senate Crime Committee in 1951 what he had done for his country said: "I paid my taxes."

The case took over six weeks to hear. Costello was ordered to pay the costs of the trial.

Costello has been imprisoned twice before—ten months for illegally possessing a revolver 38 years ago and 14 months for contempt of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee in 1952-53.—Reuter.

Ana Pauker To Go On Trial

Belgrade, May 17.

Ana Pauker, former Communist Foreign Minister of Rumania, and Vasilev Luca, another former outstanding Rumanian Communist leader, will shortly stand trial, Yugopress, the semi-official Yugoslav news agency, said here tonight.

They would be charged with "introducing hostile elements into the party and state administration," the agency said.

It added that Mrs Pauker and Vasilev Luca were now in the Ministry of the Interior's prison. (Ana Pauker, 60, was Foreign Minister in the post-war years up to July 1952, when she was relieved of her post, was a powerful influence in the Rumanian Communist Party and Government.)

(There were reports of her arrest in December 1952 with further reports—all unconfirmed—that she had been released a week after Stalin's death last year.)—Reuter.

Duke Of Norfolk Has Chicken Pox

Arundel, May 17.

The Duke of Norfolk, Britain's Premier Duke and Earl, is suffering from chicken pox in his castle here and has cancelled all engagements for the time being. He is 45.—China Mail Special.

Second Charge Of Manslaughter

London, May 17.

An office manager, married and the father of two children, was arraigned today on a second charge of manslaughter in the "love drug" poisoning of two young secretaries.

Arthur K. Ford, 44, was accused of the death of June Molins, 19, a beauty contest winner. She and Betty Grant, 27, died after eating candy bars in the office on April 26. He previously was accused in the case of Miss Grant.

Analysis showed that the girls had taken fatal doses of cantharidic acid, a substance generally credited with aphrodisiac qualities.

The Police said that the drug apparently had been put into the candy bars Ford offered the girls. He himself was hospitalised but recovered.

Ford was sent back to goal to await further hearing on May 25. The Prosecution, Mr John Claxton, said that he had 32 witnesses.—United Press.

Falls To His Death Attempting Rescue

Marcus Hook, Penn., May 17.

The chief mate of a Norwegian oil tanker fell down a ladder to his death today while trying to rescue two crew members who were overcome by benzol fumes while cleaning a tank below decks. The victim was identified as

Trygve Heraldsen, 43, whose address was listed only as Norway. He was chief mate aboard the tanker Jalna, which was preparing to take on a cargo of refined petroleum products at a Sun Oil Company pier.

An oil company spokesman said Heraldsen had climbed about halfway down a 300-foot ladder when he suddenly tumbled to the steel deck. He was pronounced dead a few minutes later at a dockside dispensary.

The other two men were rescued by fellow crew members.—United Press.

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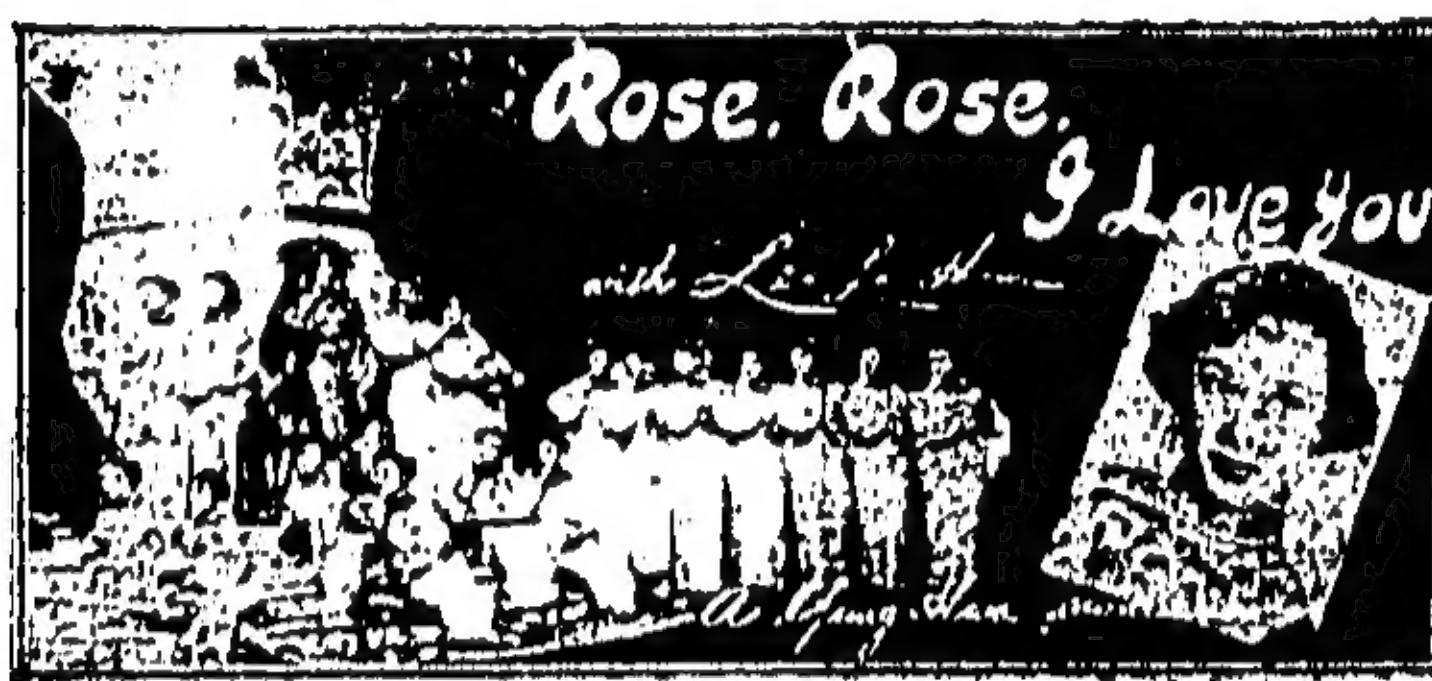
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SOUTH KOREAN ELECTIONS

THIS WEEK UN Officials Hope For A Clean And Honest Poll

Seoul, May 17.

The Republic of Korea this week faces a national election which United Nations officials hope will be free of corruption and intimidation.

But some officials are seriously concerned in case political misbehaviours spoil Thursday's election for the National Assembly and leave the Communists laughing at Western-style "free elections", which the United Nations want the North Koreans to submit to, for a settlement of the Korean problem.

Several opposition candidates have already charged that police threats and interference have forced them to withdraw from an active campaign, although the Government quickly denied each accusation.

A few days ago, a high American official said the South Korean Government has been told by certain American leaders that they should keep their election clean if the West expects to win its battle for democratic principles in the Far East.

South Korea practically ignored United Nations supervision of its last legislative election, held in May, 1950, but this year it has announced that the "campaign and election is under the observation of the United Nations."

Political observers are divided on how effective U.N. observation can be. Some fear that dishonest campaign and voting practices can be easily hidden behind the Korean language barrier from the seven-nation U.N. Commission for Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.

The Commission, which will observe the election, is composed of delegates from Turkey, Chile, Philippines, Australia, the Netherlands, Thailand and Pakistan.

CERTAIN DEFEAT

It has set up teams in major election centres to keep watch on campaign tactics and the polls on Thursday.

President Syngman Rhee, who learned a little about democratic government during 30 years of exile, is faced with an almost certain defeat in his attempts to win a two-thirds control of the National Assembly, political observers believe.

Some doubt that half the 203 legislative seats will be filled by Rhee-supported candidates.

Dr Rhee wants a two-thirds majority so that he can push through four constitutional amendments, including a clause substituting national voting for Assembly action on key issues.

Opposition candidates have criticised these proposals and have accused the present Government of inefficiency and corruption.

Some candidates told reporters they got into "serious trouble" for attacking the Government.

Former Social Affairs Minister, Mr Chun Chin said his public address system over which he scolded the Government was seized by police and returned damaged.

DIED FROM BLOW

The campaign manager for another opposition candidate died last week after he was gaoled. Three of four doctors on a police inquiry board attributed the death to a brain hemorrhage. The fourth doctor said the man died of a blow on the head.

Cho Bong Am, who ran against Dr Rhee for President two years ago, complained he was forced to withdraw from the legislative race because police persuaded his supporters to remove their names from his required candidacy petition.

A strong opposition newspaper, the Dong-A Ilbo, charged that one day's issue was confiscated by police because it included a candidate's statement comparing the Rhee Government with a Communist regime. A bureau manager of the newspaper, the publication said,

was arrested for making a statement "damaging the personal honour" of a candidate.

UNTRUE, MISLEADING

The Government, however, dismissed charges of "police intimidation" as "totally without foundation."

In a statement on Sunday, the Government spokesman, Li Hongkue Karl, said: "This Government is wholly dedicated to the principle of free and democratic elections."

"We are making every effort to see that there is no interference with any candidate or any party. Our only objective is an unhampered expression of the views of the Korean people."

"Recent press charges against the Government have been untrue and others have been seriously misleading."

He specifically denied Mr Cho's statement that he withdrew from the election because of police interference.

The Korean national police announced, meanwhile, that a "super emergency" will be declared from Wednesday until Friday to assure free elections.

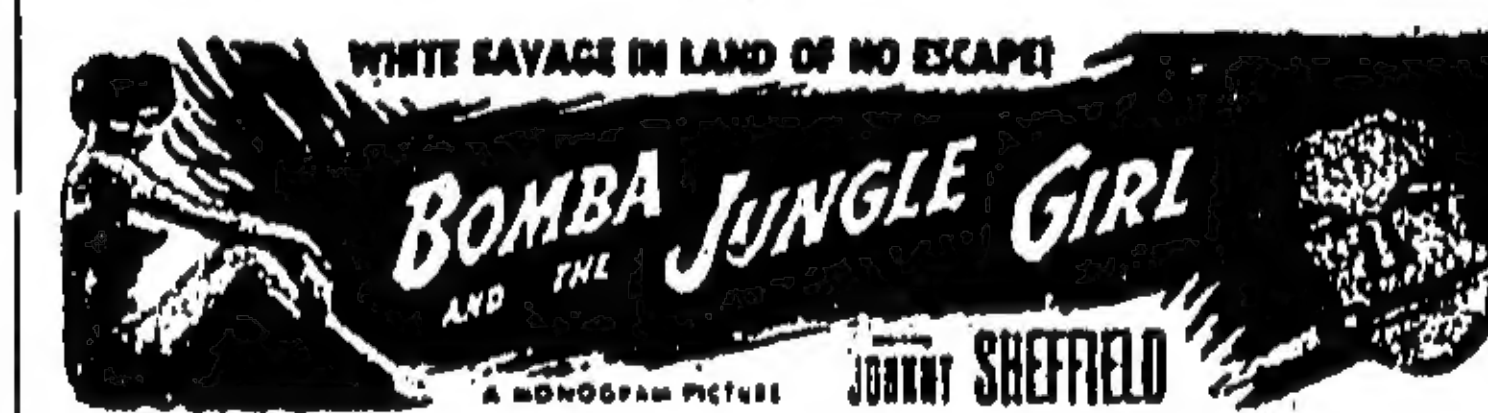
—United Press.

Daring Robbery

London, May 17.
Bandits broke into the North British Rubber Company's offices in North London early today and took a safe weighing a ton down to street level by lift, and drove it away in one of the firm's lorries. It contained £30.—China Mail Special.

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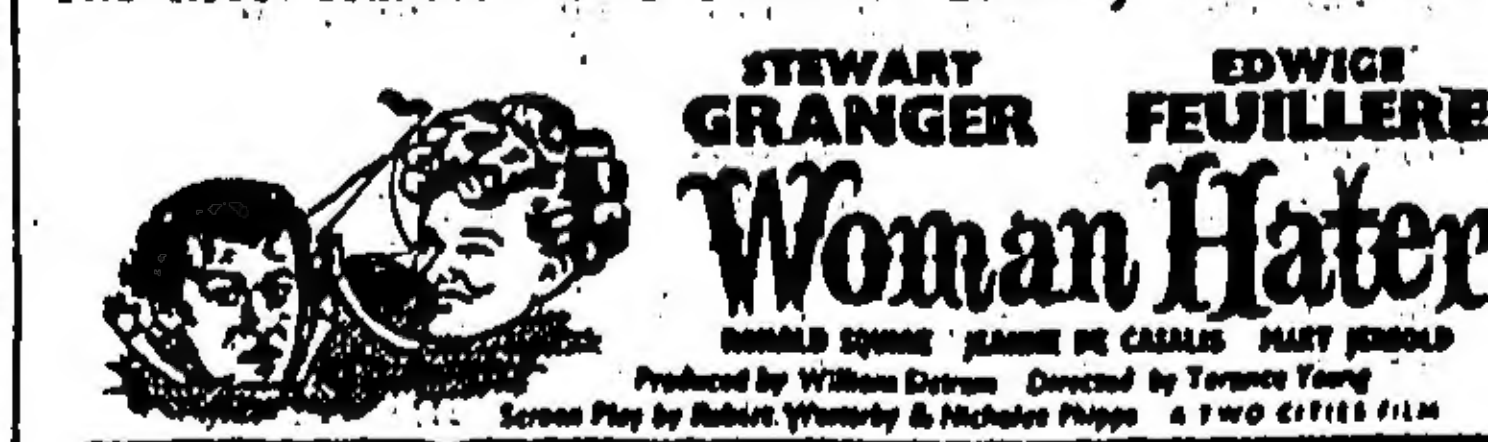
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Once, Wild Game Roamed Around Madrid

Madrid, May 17.
A 4,000-year-old village of the Bronze Age was destroyed almost entirely in excavations for erecting blocks of flats in Madrid.
The Commissioner General for Archaeological Excavations, Senor Martinez Santa-Olalla, said the village contained some 60 dwellings of farmers and only some six or eight were saved.

The Madrid area contains important relics of prehistoric days, being in those times rich both in game and flint. In one of the warm periods some 60,000 years ago, elephants and other big game were common in the area and palm trees flourished in Madrid.

India, France Begin Negotiations

Paris, May 17.
The chief Indian negotiator, Mr B. K. Nehru, today presented France with his country's proposals for solving the current French-Indian dispute over the French enclaves in India.

In a communique on today's negotiations at the Quai d'Orsay, the French Government said: "R. K. Nehru confirmed those measures already announced by (Prime Minister) Pandit Nehru to create an atmosphere favourable for negotiations."

The communique added that M. Guy de la Tournelle, chief French negotiator, would give Mr Nehru France's suggestions for a solution at their next meeting.

At stake in the discussions are Pondicherry and three other French territories in India. No date for the next meeting was announced.—United Press.

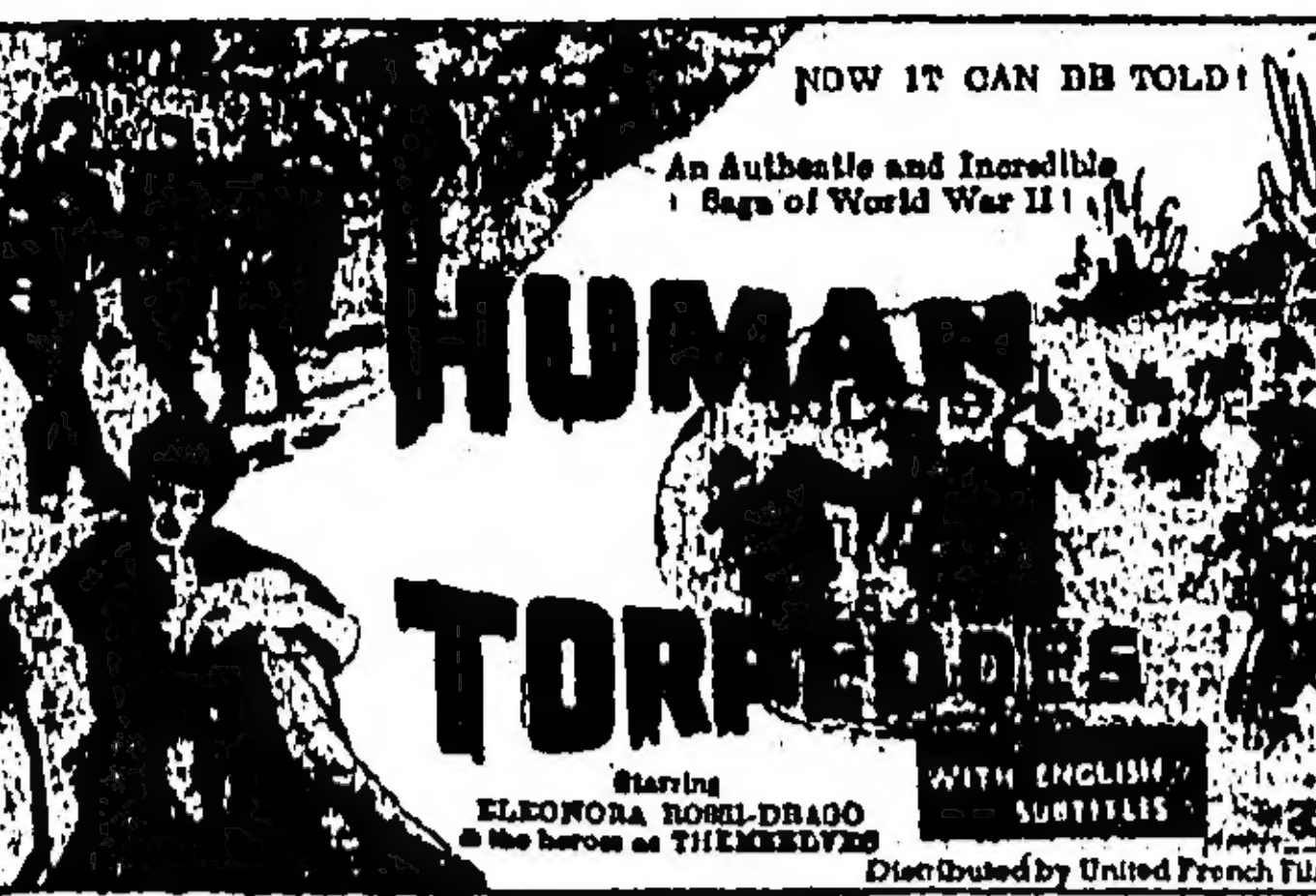
Railway Strike

London, May 17.
About 350 locomotive drivers and engineers at the Newton Abbot railway depot staged a lightning strike today in protest over new lodging arrangements when away from home.

Long distance trains may be affected if it continues.—China Mail Special.

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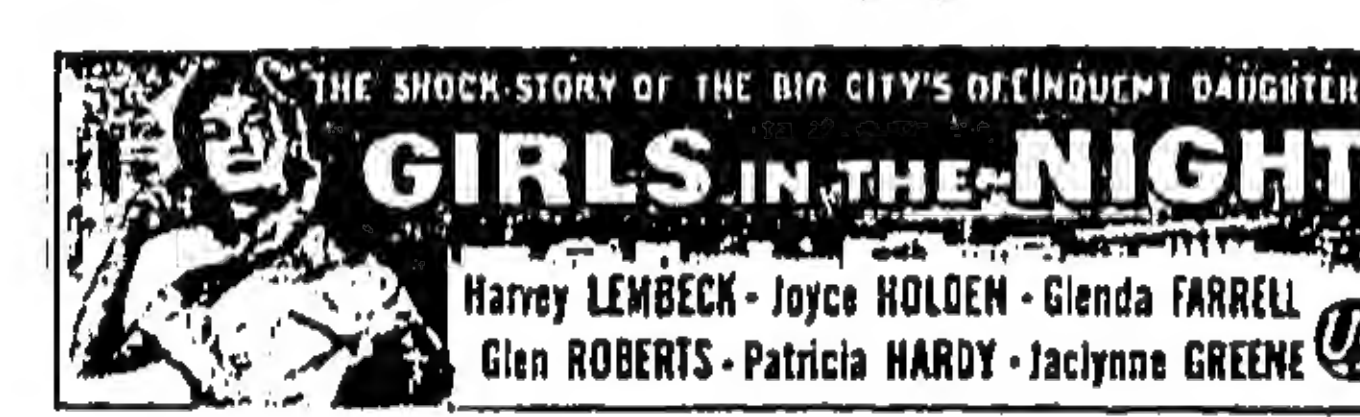
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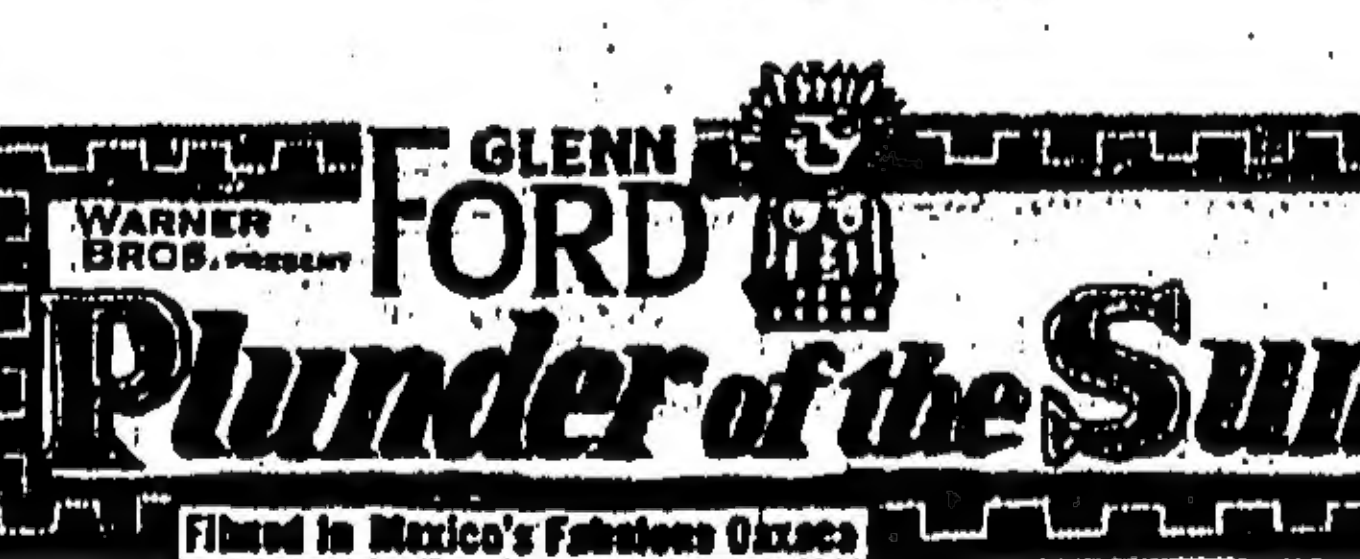
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TO GENEVA State Department Questioned On Anglo-US Rift

MILITARY TALKS LIKELY IN WASHINGTON SOON

Washington, May 17.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles has "no plans to return in the foreseeable future" to the Far East conference at Geneva, a State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, denied reports that the American delegation at Geneva was trying to persuade Mr Dulles to return in order to discuss alleged Anglo-American policy differences with Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary.

"I think he thinks the delegation in Geneva is in good hands," Mr White added.

(Mr Walter Beell Smith, Under-Secretary of State, is at present leading the United States delegation.) Mr White said he did not know whether Washington had received a formal request from Australia to hold a five-power military conference on the situation in Southeast Asia.

He would not comment on the letter the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr Richard Casey, is reported to have sent to Mr Eden this weekend asking for an early meeting of British, French, Australian, New Zealand and American service chiefs on this subject.

The letter formalised the proposal for a military conference, which has been under discussion here and in Geneva for more than a week.

Although State Department officials are still non-committal about it, diplomatic circles in Washington are confident it will be held in Washington soon on the understanding that the delegates undertake no commitments.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

Much will depend on Britain's attitude. It was therefore noted with interest in Washington that Sir Winston Churchill, in telling the House of Commons Britain opposed any negotiation on Southeast Asia involving commitments, specifically excluded the "question of an examination undertaken with our military agencies."

The proposed five-power conference would be a continuation of military consultations between these powers which have taken place several times in the last 12 months.

In the past, the military leaders discussed hypothetically what military action should be

Newspaper Lost £250,000 In Six Months

London, May 17.

The Recorder, London's first new daily newspaper for 24 years, lost more than a quarter of a million sterling in its six months' publication. It was disclosed today.

Mr William J. Brittain, who first published the paper on October 27, 1953, and went out of business on March 26, 1954, told creditors today that if he had postponed initial publication for six months, he might have been successful.

Mr Arnold Wilfred Sarson, who was provisionally appointed liquidator at an earlier meeting, said the total deficit was £233,592.

Answering questions about the losses, Mr Brittain said: "Every penny was lost in trading." He said he wanted to carry on the weekly Recorder which was established before he started his daily and "pay everybody back."

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A Glimpse Of Tokyo's Black Market Centre



Still Cripple After 6 Months Care

Little Change In Condition Of 'Wolf Boy' Ramu

Lucknow, India, May 17.

The "Wolf Boy" remains a cripple despite six months of expert medical care in a hospital here. The only noticeable improvement in Ramu is that he can now walk a few paces in his room supported by an attendant. However, he cannot speak yet, despite a Government statement recently that he had started to say a few words. Experts are not certain whether Ramu will ever be able to speak.

His medical attendants say that his medical treatments are being continued and that Ramu has passed the stage of stomach upsets which were frequent during February and March.

But it was said that Ramu still prefers raw meat to cooked food.

Physicians are concerned about his slow response to medical treatment and the fact that he is not gaining weight.

Although they do not openly say so, the doctors are worried that the boy has shown no marked signs of recovery.

Curious people no longer crowd the hospital but scientific inquiries continue to pour in and a doctor has been specially assigned to answer them.

American school children are still asking about Ramu. A fifth grade pupil, John Kilbourn, of Baltimore, Maryland, sent a letter to the hospital's superintendent which said there was every reason to believe that Ramu was a human except for his incoherence.

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US SUPREME COURT DECLARES:—

Segregation Of Negro And White Pupils Unconstitutional

Washington, May 17.

The United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled today that the segregation of Negro and white pupils in the nation's public schools was unconstitutional.

The court said the separation of school children because of race or colour violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection of laws for all.

Today's historic decision overruled the doctrine established by the Supreme Court 57 years ago that equal, but separate, facilities was legal for Negro children in elementary and high schools supported by state governments.

The Supreme Court decision was recognised in Washington as the most far-reaching and potentially explosive decision made by the court since the American civil war of 1861.

The Chief Justice, Mr Earl Warren, read the court's opinion which declared: "We conclude that in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

"Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the action has been brought are by reason of the segregation complained of deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th amendment (of the United States Constitution)."

The 14th amendment was adopted after the civil war, primarily for the benefit of coloured slaves freed by President Lincoln. It declares that no state may deny any person due process and equal protection of the law, nor abridge their privileges or immunities.

Lawyers said today's ruling would affect a total of 17 states which had laws requiring separation of the races in schools as well as other states having laws which permit—but do not require—segregation.

NEW ARGUMENTS

The court was told the 17 states and the district of Columbia had 70 per cent of the nation's Negro population, or 10,522,495 Negroes out of a total of 15,042,952. States with "per-

missive segregation" had an additional one per cent.

States whose laws required segregation were listed for the court as Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

States with "permissive segregation" were listed as New Mexico, Wyoming and Kansas.

Chief Justice Warren said the cases—the protests of the Negro parents—would be restored to the court's calendar and that new arguments would be heard on two questions which it had considered earlier.

One of these questions was when the Supreme Court should order the states to end school segregation. The other question raised the issue whether the court should appoint a special official to recommend measures to end segregation or whether district Federal courts in the states concerned should be empowered to enforce the new ruling.

WASHINGTON WAITS

If advance threats are carried out today's ruling will lead to the abolition of the public school systems as they exist now in South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

Officials of these states have warned that they would not accept any anti-segregation ruling and would be prepared to abolish the present systems if necessary.

In New York, Dr Ralph Bunche, Noble Prize winner and grandson of a negro slave, said: "This decision would appear to be an historic event in the annals of American Democracy."

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"Arm Far East Air Force With A-Bombs"

Appeal By Former
US Air Commander

Philadelphia, May 18.

Lieutenant-General Ennis C. Whitehead today said he believed the ability of the U.S. Air Force to "hit Russia" may well be the one factor that has prevented the outbreak of a World War III.

But the former commander of the Far East Air Force claimed this country was not trained for atomic warfare, and urged that the Far East Air Force be "unshackled" and trained for atomic warfare "as soon as possible."

General Whitehead, now retired, said in an article in the Saturday Evening Post it was "obvious we could not pour our necessarily limited ground forces into the bottomless well of the Asian land masses."

"Therefore, I feel that as soon as we can extricate our troops from Korea we must redeploy to our island bases in order to cast the shadow of the atomic bomber over the maximum population of Asia," he said.

"Only then would we have a real deterrent to further Communist aggression in the Far East."

General Whitehead warned the amount of atomic and hydrogen bombs stockpiled by the United States and Russia was not important.

"All they need is enough bombers to crush our power to retaliate," he said. "For they know that we will never strike the first blow."—United Press.

Suez Blockade
Serious
Says Minister

London, May 17.

The Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, said in the House of Commons today Egypt's blockade of ships going to Israel via the Suez Canal was serious, but he hoped Egypt intended to comply with a United Nations directive ordering her to cease the blockade forthwith.

Mr Lloyd said that Britain deplored the use of the veto by Soviet Russia in opposing a United Nations resolution on March 28 calling on Egypt to call off the ban.

The motion had been carried by eight votes to two, but could not be put into effect because of the veto, he said.

"No extensions of the blockade have been carried out recently and we hope the Egyptian Government will not remain indifferent to the weight of feeling expressed against her during the recent Security Council debate," Mr Lloyd said.

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Dr Fisher Praises Royal Tour

London, May 17.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, said today Queen Elizabeth's Commonwealth tour had been carried out "with a human perfection that humbles us all."

Addressing a service in Rochester Cathedral, Kent, he said: "In this great tour, there was no self-seeking for throne and empire, no imperialism but the imperial call to common loyalties, to good and human living; no boasting, but the simple words: 'see that ye love one another.'"

Dr Fisher spoke of the joy which the Queen's report had brought the British people—a human joy at its most exalted and ennobling.

"The whole glory of it is that it belongs to the whole family, the whole nation and the whole Commonwealth," he added.

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Russia Gives Back 10 Small Ships To America

Istanbul, May 17.

Russia returned ten small naval craft to the United States authorities in Istanbul today.

The ships were taken over by Vice-Admiral Francis Hughes of the United States Navy. They represent one consignment of the 38 ships which are to be returned during the next six weeks.

Unconfirmed reports current in Istanbul suggest that some of the returned ships may be given to Turkey as part of American aid.

(The Soviet Union was given 670 vessels of all types from the

United States under the wartime Lend Lease arrangement. These included 180 naval craft.

Strict precautionary measures were taken in Manila and neighboring islands in the Sea of Marmora, where the returned ships anchored, this morning. As the return of the ships was delayed, the crews were unable to go ashore tonight.

The Turkish authorities have given permission for the

Surrender Of Red Leader Pleases Malaya

Singapore, May 17.

Terrorist-plagued Malaya today applauded news of Communist leader Luis Tarcu's surrender to the Philippine authorities.

After almost six years of anti-Communist guerrilla warfare, Malaya hopes that the Red leader's capitulation would be the first of a series of psychological and tactical victories for anti-Communist forces in Southeast Asia.

General Sir Gerald Templer, Malaya's High Commissioner and top ranking anti-terrorist fighter, welcomed the news when informed in Kuala Lumpur but he declined to comment.

Sources close to General Templer said, however, that Sir Gerald hoped this would serve as a lesson to Malayan terrorists that the days of anti-Government resistance in Southeast Asia were numbered.

Other officials in Singapore and Malaya agreed that Tarcu's surrender was a bright spot in an otherwise sombre picture.

Mr Yusop Abudakar, Philippine Consul-General for Malaya, predicted the Communist leader's action "might well have a compensating effect on the dispirited and terrified in Southeast Asia."

He added, "This is welcome news for the democratic peoples of Southeast Asia at a time when Communist successes elsewhere have given cause for serious thought."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



Glory Has a Bitter taste, but— At last, La Patrie Stirs Again

By SYDNEY SMITH

Paris. A FRENCHWOMAN in a crowd around the Unknown Soldier's Tomb and the Eternal Flame of the Arc de Triomphe said to me: "I'm sick of my country. The men who want to help it—and fight for it—have to die. The others only rule it."

I have met more French men and women in France this week than I have seen for many a year. And I mean Frenchmen and Frenchwomen, like the one who spoke to me.

They are not Communists, Socialists or Radicals, the Popular Republicans, the Gaulists, splinter of Gaulists, Independent, Moderate or Extreme and This and That. No, they are really French.

They are men and women who have suddenly awakened to the fact that, after the moral and political bankruptcy of successive governments pottering through brief power by the grace of unstable party deals, the best thing is to be French first.

Days Of Agony

Three syllables that once stood for a tiny, peacefully rice-bowl village in the Tonkin Hills—Dien Bien Phu—have done more to snap France back into the fine old sense of that World War I spirit of "La Patrie" than anything that has happened since 1940.

The 56-day agony of suspense while the Government dithered and discussed—and the shock of defeat—has awakened millions of French consciences.

It has done more. It has made a lot of apathetic French, who had hardly heard of Indo-China during

its seven years of war, discover suddenly that a battle has been lost. And now they wonder whether a war has been lost too.

We have just seen and heard a moving witness to the new spirit at the Arc de Triomphe.

General Charles de Gaulle went there as Free French leader to stand alone by the Eternal Flame for his own two minutes' silence.

They say there were 60,000 people there. Perhaps there were. But not more than a quarter of the crowd was de Gaulle. Another quarter was ex-Servicemen. The other half was made up just of the people who went—they did not quite know why.

Long Time Since

But it is a long time since a French crowd at a non-political demonstration crowned a Republican Guards' band to sing the Marseillaise in the way the crowds did—with tears and sincerity.

It is a long time since I have seen ordinary rubber-necked crowds at any French ceremony dabbling their eyes—they did not know why. And that goes for paratroopers, too.

In these last years the cynics have been kings on such occasions. The funny thing to say has been the rule. The tragedy of Indo-China, crystallised in the fighting farewell words of General de Gaulle, in the stories of the long, long trail of prisoners winding through the jungle towards the Chinese border, in the 4,000 dead and wounded, and the unreality of the Geneva Peace talks, has

made it permissible in France at this moment, after 14 years, to think about indefinable great France—La Patrie.

French newspapers call it "Rage and shame at a sinister adventure—criminal failings and unheard-of lack of foresight."

One frank commentator admits: "We have lied to ourselves. We have not known either how to fight this war or how to refuse to fight it."

The public self-examination that is now going on in France is pretty usual. No one can say worse things more expertly about the French than French themselves.

Not The Usual

Since 1944 they have become practiced breast-beaters. But this time it is not just the usual literary display.

So much so that the French Government has been afraid to allow the Moscow ballet to open the much-acclaimed season at the Paris Opera, although blackmarket tickets reached nearly £10 apiece, and queues were half a mile long.

The Government feared anti-Communist demonstrations.

In the face of the new Dien Bien Phu mood, it is true that the French Communists are lying very low.

Any public boast at this moment about "our glorious Red allies" would be worth a well-wrung neck. And it might not even be possible to find a policeman in time to protect any over-enthusiastic "comrade."

The Government won a vote of confidence on the strength of saving Dien Bien Phu by negotiating a cease-fire, or at least the evacuation of more than 2,000 wounded.

That telling appeal was much weakened by the fall of Dien Bien Phu and the long and sad trial of prisoners going north.

Now Laniel has this choice. He could challenge another vote of confidence—and stay in power if there is not an absolute majority of 314 votes against him. If there is, he could threaten to dissolve Parliament and call general elections.

Good Frenchman

He has all the procedural cards in his hand for asking for a vote of confidence, or putting France in a position of drastic incompetence, at a moment of international crisis on the Far East.

Best of all, he could resign in favour of a coalition government of national unity, putting aside the myriad muddled intrigues of parties.

Joseph Laniel is a good Frenchman. He marched up the Champs Elysees on Liberation Day 10 years ago beside General de Gaulle. But he is no longer in the eyes of the Frenchman in the bistros, a free man. He is a politician.

Whatever he does and whoever may follow him, they had better realise one thing: there are still—and more than ever—people of France who are just plainly French.

And their sadness is only the salt that sharpens their anger and their impatience at the disaster of Indo-China.

CHINESE CREEDS and CUSTOMS



by

V. R. BURKHARDT

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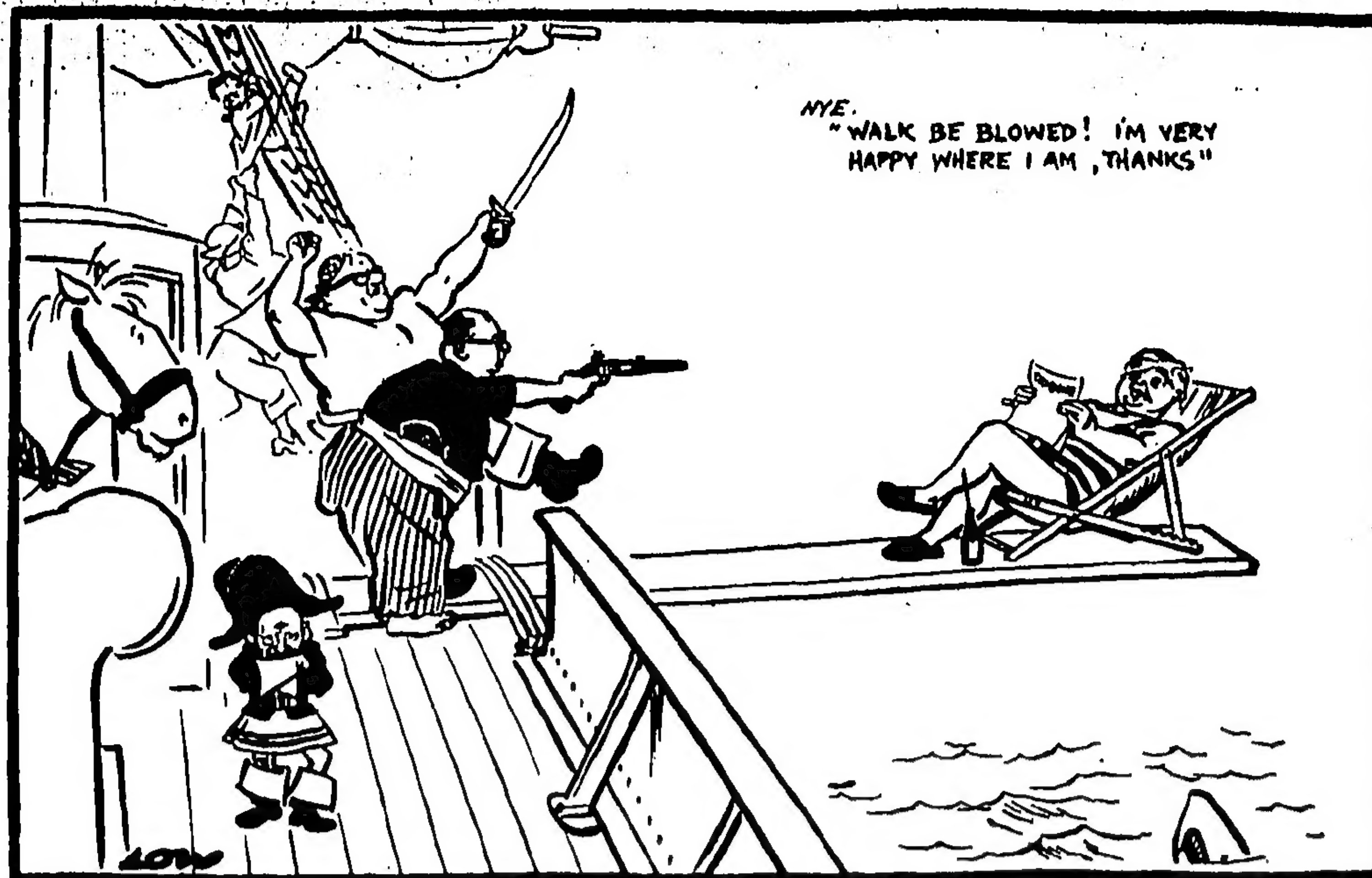
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WHO CALLED?

A stranger is seeking Tony too



Illustration by ROBB

THE STORY is told by Superintendent Stanley of Scotland Yard, investigating the murder of a woman at Earl's Court. Her husband is under arrest, but a vital witness is missing—their son, Tony Rowe. If he is not found in time he will die, for he is suffering from an illness which calls for regular injections. And if he is not found, his father will hang. . . . The boy has fled. The first clues lead to Manchester. . . .

MANCHESTER.

IT was early morning when I walked out of London Road Station, Manchester, and looked for the police car that was coming to meet me. Though the morning was bright and sunny, I was worried and unsure of myself. My nerves were on edge. Had I been right in following my hunch and coming to Manchester? Should I find Tony Rowe here—or the clue to his whereabouts?

It would be some hours before I knew. And I was impatient, for precious time was drifting away, and every hour wasted was a threat to the life of a small boy.

What had begun for me as a sordid but routine murder case was suddenly developing into something more po tentially tragic than anything I had tackled before. The face of a lonely and frightened child haunted me. In a few days' time, unless we find him first and rush him to the doctor for a vital injection, 10-year-old Tony Rowe will die. And for a variety of urgent

and conflicting reasons I don't want him to die. I don't want him to die, to be practical about it, because he is the only witness to the murder of his mother, I have arrested his father, George Rowe, for the killing and the evidence is black against him. Even George Rowe seemed aware of it, according to the reports, when he appeared in court and was remanded this morning.

Only some new evidence from his son Tony can save him from the hangman now. My conscience will never be easy again if I fail to give George Rowe a chance of calling his son as a witness in his defence.

It is not simply to ease my own doubts, though, or even to help George Rowe that I am so desperately anxious to find Tony in time.

A funny thing, I have never met the kid, only seen his photograph and heard about him second-hand. But already I feel about him as if he were my own son.

His sad, little face won't go out of my mind. He looks as

if he has never smiled in his life, never licked an ice cream, never jumped a brook or sailed a boat or bathed in the sea. Nor ever had a loving arm around him. I don't want Tony Rowe to die until he has had a chance to experience the joys, as well as the sorrows, of being a boy.

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Mrs Marian Brown opened the door herself when I rang the bell of her house on the corporation estate in Fallowfield, four miles from the centre of Manchester—and not far from where, this afternoon, the Manchester City crowds were cheering on their side against Chelsea. (I saw later, in the way one notices such things in passing, that the game was drawn 1-1.)

Mrs Brown was youngish and still pretty, but her face looked drawn and harassed. She took one look at me and said: "It's no use you bothering me again. I can see you're a policeman, and I've told everything I know. I'm sorry that my sister's been murdered, and I only wish I did know what's become of Tony, her son. Poor bairn, he must be in a dreadful state. But if I've said it once, I've said it a dozen times: I DON'T KNOW WHERE TONY IS!"

I said, as gently as I could: "You know he'll die very soon—if we don't find him!" I saw her eyes widen. "You mean all that stuff in the newspapers and the radio—it's true what they say about Tony? The poor little chap! Oh, why wasn't I here when he came on Thursday?"

"Buy you told the Manchester police he didn't come," I said. "No such thing," she replied indignantly. "I said I didn't see Tony and I meant it. I'd never have known the boy had been here at all if I hadn't taken the mat up to shake this morning. And there was his note he wrote me."

"You'd better let me come inside," I said, "and tell me all about it." She looked astonished. "What all over again?" she asked. "How many more times?" "But she led me into her front parlour and sat me down, and told me what she knew. Yes, she was the aunt who had

looked after Tony whenever her young sister in London wanted to get rid of him for a time.

"I suppose there were moments when she didn't want to have her son around the flat, if you see what I mean," Mrs Brown said. "Diana was never the fond-mother type, anyway. I think she only clung on to Tony just to annoy her husband, George."

"We didn't mind looking after the kid, so long as it wasn't for too long. And, of course, I'm not saying that Diana wasn't generous to us whenever Tony was here. Such a well-behaved little chap, too, and so fond of my husband. Do you know, one night Tony put his arms around my husband and said: 'I think you're the nicest man in the world!' just because he brought him home a model aeroplane set."

"But what about Tony coming here on Thursday, Mrs Brown?" "Oh, yes. Well, my husband was away at Scunthorpe on a job—he's an electric fitter and often has to go away. So I went over to Sheffield to see my mother-in-law and stayed until Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon the police came to see me, asking whether I had seen Tony. I said I hadn't. And I was telling the truth."

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She paused and looked a little wistfully, out of the window into the sunshine. "And then, this morning," she went on, "I took up the mat to give it a shake, and I saw the note Tony must have pushed under the front door when he came on Thursday night."

"What did it say?" I asked. Again she looked astonished. "Only a few words. You don't write long letters when you're 10 years old. He said he was sorry he'd missed me. He didn't say he was in trouble. He said: 'But didn't he tell you in the note where he was going?'"

"Of course he did," she said. "But how should I know better than you what he meant? You've seen the note, haven't you?" "No," I told her, "but I'd like to see it now. May I have it please?"

She looked at me as if I were mad. "You're either short or inefficient, or you're being un-nerving," she said. "I would still like Tony's note."

"But I gave it to the police this morning," she shouted, rising to her feet. "The man came round and I told him everything. Then he asked for the note and I gave it to him."

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"A policeman?" I asked. "Who else but a policeman?" she said. "He said he'd come specially from London to see me, and that he had to find Tony. It was a matter of life and death," he said. And he took the note with him."

I sat looking at her in dismay, and then I started collecting my startled wits. "It's very important, Mrs Brown," I said. "Please, help me all you can by remembering. What did Tony say he was going to do in his note?"

"Why," she asked, "wasn't it really a policeman, I spoke to this morning?"

"No, Mrs Brown. It was not. It was almost certainly someone trying to do Tony Rowe harm—grave harm—fatal harm. Now please try to remember."

TOMORROW: The stranger follows

KEEP AN EYE ON THE BEE

By LES ARMOUR

IS man going to the bees?

That sounds like a silly question. But it might not be.

Years of meticulous study have revealed that bees are—alarmingly—like modern man.

Like man, they possess remarkable technical skill. They construct vast cities so complex that some human efforts (if converted to the proper scale) would look puny by comparison. They can control temperature, make plans against natural hazards and smooth out the ups and downs of ordinary everyday life. But—again not unlike us—they are flummoxed by their own technology. They can't see beyond it.

WORK DIVIDED

Like man, they have a complicated division of labour. Some bees are builders, other gather food. Some look after young bees, and some process raw foodstuffs into usable foods, and raw building matter into essential synthetic stuffs.

And, like modern man, bees are interdependent. A single bee would last hardly a day on its own. Even part of a community might have a very tough time of it.

More surprising, bees have a language and, to some degree, they can "learn" and "memorise."

The alarming part of the story it seems, from Karl von Frisch's new book on the subject, ("The Dancing Bees, Methuen, 16s.) is that bees are in the grip of the "group mind."

Each bee has his life cut out for him by the community. He changes his behaviour only to meet the slight daily shifts of communal need.

NO CHANGE

In "bee language"—a combination of dances and sniffs, all of them highly elaborate and complex—nothing new is ever expressed. From the dance, the bee learns from a fellow bee that there is food in the neighbourhood and perhaps in what general area it lies. From the scent, she learns just what kind of food it is and what kind of plant she should seek.

But the language has never developed any further and no other kind of information can be communicated.

Nor can bee behaviour be changed. The long-standing rules of the community are so much a part of bee nature that nothing new can be learned. All attempts to teach bees new tricks have met with dismal failure.

PARALLELS

Indeed, Frisch reports: "There is not one example of an intelligent action having been performed by a honey bee."

A bee who tried something new—even if he had the intelligence—would almost certainly be killed instantly or thrust from the hive.

Perhaps man can learn a lot from the example of the bee. At any rate, von Frisch's light-hearted and intimate account of life among the bees makes it plain that there are some unpleasant parallels.

Maybe it is only because he is an excellent story-teller as well as a scientist that his account carries the reader into speculative realms while he himself manages to keep both feet on the ground.

But it will do no harm to read his book, anyhow.

The Swiss Don't Like It

From John Pearson

THE 200-strong Russian delegation at the Geneva conference has run into a diplomatic difficulty that even the Kremlin cannot settle. For the Franco-Swiss staff at the hotel Metropole, taken over by the Russians, is threatening to leave.

After 24 days, the kitchen staff, the chamber-maids, and the cleaners have had their fill of Russian methods.

No one is allowed to move around the hotel without the attendance of two hefty Rus-

sian security officers with holsters packing pistols.

Doors are locked on the hotel staff, and each servant has his own room-guard following him.

One of the kitchen staff said: "This sort of existence is intolerable. If I want to go for a wash I have these two thugs our step behind me."

They wait until I come out and then follow me back to the office. They never speak and never smile.

"If one of these Communies on the fourth floor phones down for a glass of water then up you go with it, plus the two shadows."

"You are not allowed to knock. Only the hall sentry is allowed to do this. The door opens. Out comes a hand, grabs the glass of water, and the door slams to again."

"A nudge on the elbow from the guard and downstairs you go again, still followed."

When the food is being cooked in the outside kitchens installed to cope with the delegation, guards watch everything that is put into the saucepans.

They become extra suspicious if more salt is needed.

And to top it all, the hotel workers must now have identity cards.

FIND THIS BOY!



Second Day



"Ticket... ticket... now what did I do with that ticket?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THERE is a more delicate instrument than the most delicate flute, for which a tune-jazz has been written. It is the car-trumpet, a tiny vibrating gadget which is attached to the side of the car.

When the player waggles his ear, a sound like the sharp, high song of a mosquito is produced. It is an ideal solo instrument, as, of course, it would be drowned by the other instruments. It has only the one note, but this one note is ethereal and silvery.

An anecdote of Guitry
CHICORY being a word of power at the moment, there used to be a story told in Paris of Sacha Guitry's interest in bad coffee. He went into a big grocery shop and ordered all the chicory they had in stock. He said he would wait while the stuff was assembled. Three men lugged the sacks along. "That's our entire stock," said an assistant. "Very well, now make yourselves a cup of coffee," said Guitry, and walked out.

By the sea

A HIGHER tone is noticeable. They tell me, in seaside postcards. You may now buy a reproduction of an Old Master. Underneath is written: "One wishes you were here. Actually, the weather is wonderful, or 'One is about to go in for what one may call a 'dip.' One observes many handsome women

on the beach—including a rather buxom matron, whose husband has a very red nose, doubtless the effect of sun and wind." Sometimes, by an error, the old saucy note is mixed with the new refinement. "Crickey! One wishes one had a telescope with which to look at that sizzling redhead."

Correspondence
DEAR Sir,
Reader Mrs. Puffie, who boasts that she has made a model of a wedding-cake out of matches, should pause to ask herself whether the achievement justifies such a waste of matches. She must be a very idle woman if she cannot think of a better way of employing her time. It maddens me when I think of the millions of over-worked and weary housewives. Moreover, what use is this model? What purpose can it be put to—save to administer to the comfort of Mrs. Puffie?
Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Ada Rieckthorpe.

In passing
I READ of an actress who, though unmarried, wears a wedding ring. "To stop young men worrying her." What sublime innocence! The young men only begin to be worried when a girl wears five or six wedding rings, as there is generally trouble when two or more ex-husbands turn up at the same time.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 18

BORN today, you have a great variety of interests, many of them in the past. You are an adventurous soul and you will take a chance on almost anything that strikes your fancy or appeals to your imagination. Hold your tongue, you usually get it. You are charming, magnetic and effective in dealing with large groups of people. Your natural leadership will assert itself almost unconsciously wherever you go.

You must guard against a desire for fun and frolic all of the time. Perhaps it is because things, as a rule, come to you so easily in life that you don't seem to take matters very seriously. Still, you

have innate good judgment and a head for business. Attractive to members of the opposite sex, you will have countless opportunities to wed. You of the fair sex are born belles and may have your choice of marriage partners. Among those who were born on this date are: John W. Galt, a speculator; Horst Glimmer and Jack Hurlbert, entertainers; Bertrand Russell, philosopher; William T. Bull, noted surgeon; Cesar Nicholas II of Russia; William Steiniz, champion chess player; and William H. Riker, a writer.

To find what the stars have in store for you, turn to the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)—Don't let a rumour throw you into a panic. Investigate the true facts before you act at all.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Do you work too hard and later on you will receive the true rewards.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—If you feel restricted, seek a change of scene for a few days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)—Unless you can be creative and suggest a better mousetrap, don't go around being too critical of others.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If others are trying to pry into your business, brush them off courteously.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Perhaps you can break the working week with a day's outing. Nature is a great healer, you know.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Don't be lured by false promises. All that glitters is not necessarily gold. Make a test case first.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be kind to all whom you meet. You never know at what moment a return favour may be a situation for you.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are having trouble making your budget, work out right, why not ask expert advice from someone?

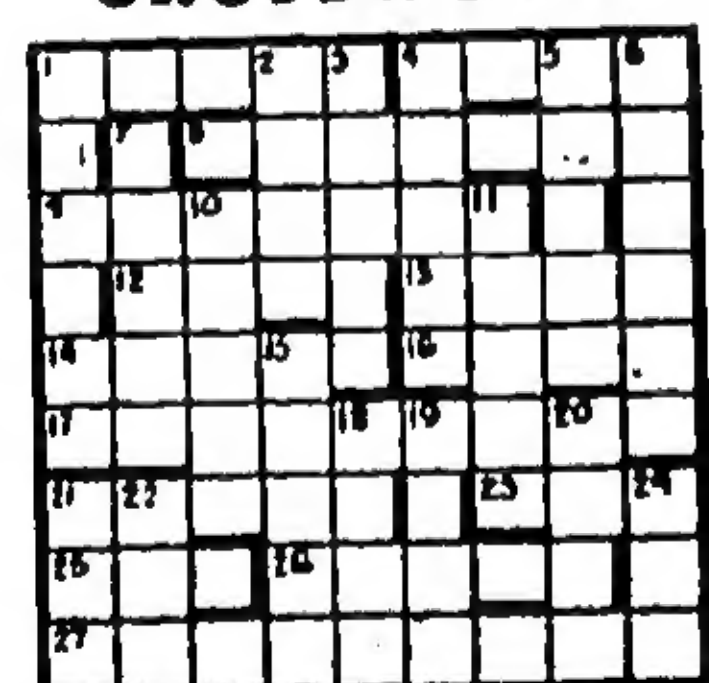
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Try to balance your working with periods of relaxation and you will actually make faster progress.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—There are grave chances for serious mistakes in judgment today, so be warned and exert special caution.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—It pays to hunt for bargains. Your

findings will go much farther, if you do; you can actually buy more.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Volcano in the sierras. (5)

4. A short one is pretty select. (3)

5. It seems a contradiction when you consider the bridegroom's more important. (4, 3)

9. Here's a health unto her. (5)

12. The figure to work on. (4)

13. It takes those ages to make a name. (3)

14. Smart but frosty. (5)

15. Here's a trick to be sure! (4)

16. Royal one to her 5 Across. (5)

21. If you can't write it, you can try so. (5)

22. Senior partner of the Guildhall. (5)

23. If your name's this, you're in bad odour. (3)

24. Five shillings on Coronation Day. (5)

25. Do these race on, Dover Road? (5, 5)

Down

1. The hog gets round Min for the piggies. (5)

2. A short one is pretty select. (3)

3. Examine the coins. (5)

6. Pottery without the postscript. (5)

7. No use for the bulldozer. (5)

8. This is the depth. (5)

10. Practical jokes make a large part. (5)

11. Out back! And the sun is back too. (5)

17. Strange, it's not a cheap fruit. (5)

18. Prince from the opera. (5)

19. It's with the wind in the dim. (5)

20. River for the printer. (5)

21. Let's lose lady. (5)

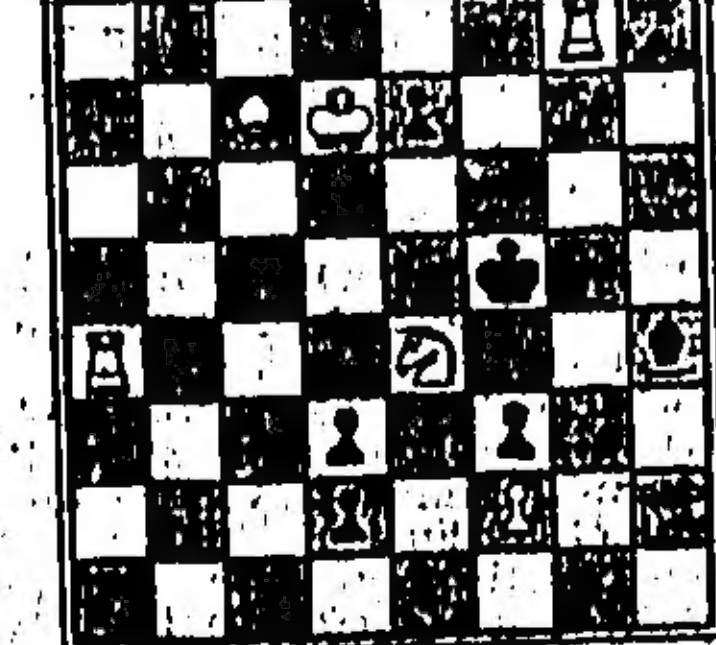
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CHESS PROBLEM

By U. LANCIA

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. K-R4, any; 2. Q-R, B, or K, mates.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bad Opening Lead
Beat Grand Slam

BY OSWALD JACOBY

THIS is a pretty unusual hand," remarked my friend Dr. David Ostreich, of Baton Rouge, during a bridge gabfest at last year's Winter National Tournament in Dallas. I was all attention, since Dave is a keen judge of bridge hands.

"I wasn't shy about bidding my hand," he continued. "My partner wasn't an experienced player so I took the bit in my teeth."

"West opened the nine of diamonds, and I briefly considered letting it ride to my queen. I finally put up dummy's ace, and East signalled enthusiastically with the jack."

"I knew that I needed four club tricks, but there was no hurry about playing the clubs. Instead, I cashed the top hearts and then ran five spade tricks."

"On the last spade all hands had to reduce to four cards. East decided to keep the king of diamonds, so could hold only three clubs. When East dis-

NORTH (D)		11	
♠ A Q J 9 4			
♥ Q 8 3			
♦ A 6 5 2			
♣ 2			
WEST	EAST		
♠ 8 5 2	♠ 7 3		
♥ 9 7 4 2	♥ 10 5 5		
♦ 9 8 7	♦ K J 10 4		
♣ 7 4	♣ Q 6 3		
SOUTH			
♠ K 10			
♥ A K J			
♦ Q 3			
♣ A K J 10 8 5			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	7 N.T. (1)	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ 9			

carded a club, I threw away the queen of diamonds and saved four clubs. And now one club finesse was enough to bring in the last four tricks."

"Very nice," I commented, "but not as unusual as you said. You've probably worked dozens of prettier squeezes in the last year. What's so special about this hand?"

"The unusual feature of this hand," answered Dr. Ostreich, "is that the worst possible opening lead is the only one that defeats the grand slam."

And this was perfectly true. Obviously, the "worst" opening lead is a club, right up to South's strong suit. East naturally plays low, and South is given three club tricks to start with.

Unfortunately for South, the removal of dummy's singleton club destroys the squeeze. Declarer must cash the spades and hearts to squeeze East, but after he has done so, he has no way of getting from the dummy to his own hand. South can make only twelve tricks against the "worst" opening lead, but will make thirteen tricks against any other.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 2 Diamonds Pass
3 Clubs Pass

You, South, hold: Spades 8-6, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds A-K-Q-J-10-5, Clubs Q-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid four diamonds. You cannot afford to bid no-trumps with no high card in spades, and your strong diamonds are surely the best suit in the combined hands. The jump bid in this situation shows that your suit is solid.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-6, Heart 2, Diamonds A-K-Q-J-10-5, Clubs K-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS



WOMANSENSE

HOW'S YOUR HYPOCHONDRIA?

By Anne Scott-James

I PRESENT (in the adjoining column right) my Ten Symptoms of Hypochondria. It comes to light because my persons' spring-cleaning effort has been to chuck out the old bottles in the bathroom.

Though we are an indecently healthy family—which buys less than average from the chemist—I found that our bathroom medicine chest contained no fewer than 42 pots, tubes, boxes, and bottles (most of them remnants of ancient prescriptions whose purpose was lost long ago).

"If there are 42 bottles in our small cupboard," I thought, "what a load most of my friends must carry." Because half the people I know (have you noticed it too?) are becoming as health-crazy as the Americans.

Words like metabolism, slipped disc, neurosis, calorie, barbiturate are part of their every-day chit-chat. Pills, diets, and doctors' addresses are swapped round like recipes.

And any book about a doctor is a sure best-seller before it gets off the press.

When a hearty, healthy, golf-playing, globe-trotting friend of mine told me last week that he was taking a course of "remedial relaxation exercises," it brought it home to me that the new disease of fearing disease is really getting out of hand.

The Overflowing Medicine Chest is a minor monument of the times.

Yet need it be?

I asked a famous firm of druggists to tell me what a medicine chest for a normal healthy household should contain. Below their (surprisingly modest) list...

- Aspirin tablets.
- Cascara tablets.
- Health salts.
- Bicarbonate of soda.
- Chlorodyne Soda mints.
- Boer's ointment.
- Almond oil.
- Acridin cream.
- Hydrogen peroxide.
- Vaseline.
- Sal volatile.
- Calamine lotion.
- Liniment.
- Box of first-aid things.
- Gripe mixture.
- Zinc and Castor oil cream.
- Camphorated oil.
- Syrup of Figs.
- Glycerine.

Well, there you are! Now you go and look in yours!

The English Face

DO you photograph well? No? Neither do I. There's something about the English face that just doesn't transfer on to photographic paper.

Photographers need: a small face, good cheekbones, enormous eyes, thin brows, arched high above them, hair springing high off the forehead.

They don't need: good colouring, a fine skin (I remember one famous American model whose skin was positively peckmarked), a good chin or jaw (many models' chins slightly recede).

As most Englishwomen have blue eyes of fine colour but normal size, rose-petal complexions and plumpish cheeks, it's not surprising that they make the most unphotogenic subjects in the world. It's put the Swedes first (wonderful cheekbones), the Italians next (wonderful eyes).

I can think of literally dozens of well-known Englishwomen to whom the camera does less than justice.

Princess Margaret has a superb complexion—in the English tradition at its finest. It is lost to the camera.

Rosamond Lehmann (described by Stephen Spender as "one of the most beautiful women in the world")

Household Hints

Use a dry iron for most pressing on nylon, though stubborn places may require light steaming. The rayon temperature of an electric iron is generally right for ironing nylon.

After washing chenille, leave it across an outdoor clothesline, wrong side out. On a breezy day this will rub together, adding to fluffiness. When dry, brush chenille or candlewick with a clean white broom. Do not iron.

DO YOU take sleeping pills?
DO YOU have little fetishes about vitamins? ... calcium? ... daily walks? ... cold baths? ... tonics? ...
DO YOU try out every new diet, only to chuck it in the middle?
DO YOU try out digestive remedies, while ignoring your doctor's advice about what and how much to eat?
DO YOU try out remedies which your friends are taking?
DO YOU ever take your temperature to find it's only normal?
DO YOU count calories? ... weigh yourself every day? ...
DO YOU have physical check-ups, whether you are ill or not?
ARE YOU knowledgeable about new drugs and treatments from other countries?
DO YOU fuss if you get to bed very late or have less than eight hours' sleep?

WELL, HOW DO YOU MAKE OUT? If you've got five or more symptoms, you're in a fairly bad way. Less than five, and you deserve good health.

women of her generation") has one of the most arresting faces I have ever seen, with very strong colouring set off by a cloud of pale blue hair—she went white while still in her twenties. The camera loses it all.

Lady Caroline Somerset is a beauty who photographs badly. A strong chin and deeply set eyes beat the camera.

And Mrs John Wyndham looks lovely in the glossy magazines—but not lovely enough. She has unusual feline eyes, which only a painter could put over.

Two actresses who don't, I think, photograph up to their looks are Peggy Ashcroft and Diana Wynyard. I remember nearly every one of Peggy Ashcroft's stage performances, but have only hazy memories of her films. And Diana Wynyard's very English beauty loses too.

But there's another side to this whole question. Many English actresses blame English cameramen.

"Look what American photographers do with Bette Davis," one of them said to me. "They realise that she is a fine actress and a beautiful—if not easily photogenic—woman. They actually go to the trouble of learning her best angles, and using the camera to exploit them."

American TV photographers do the same.

Perhaps we aren't so unphotogenic after all?

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Crocodile and the Lion

—The Lion was Kind Enough to Eat Him Up!

By MAX TRELL

"NOW," said General Tin, the Tin Soldier, to Knarf and Hand the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "if you both promise to sit very quietly and not interrupt me, I'll tell you a story about a crocodile. His name was Ethelbert."

"That's a long name for a crocodile," Knarf said.

Long and Sad

"He was a long crocodile," General Tin, the Tin Soldier, explained. "If he had been a little longer he might have made two crocodiles. Well, he was always crying. Big crocodile tears were always running down the end of his nose."

"Please, General Tin," Hand said, "why was he always crying?"

"He was crying, you see, because he never could catch his tail. The longer and longer he grew, the further and further his tail got away from the rest of him. To make matters worse, the faster he ran after his tail, the faster the tail seemed to run away from him. Such a state of affairs was nothing to be happy about. It kept at all surprising that he should want to weep."

A Hungry Lion

"One fine day, a tremendous lion came out of the forest feeling very hungry. It felt that way because it hadn't eaten for quite a while, not since its breakfast a month before—"

"My that certainly was a long time to wait!" Knarf couldn't help exclaiming.

General Tin, the Tin Soldier, went right on: "So the lion saw Ethelbert standing by the side of the river, weeping crocodile tears, and he went right up to him and said in a kindly voice, 'Ethelbert,' he said, 'what are you crying for?'"



FOOTNOTE: Three celebrities graciously tell what they keep in their own medicine chests...



- Aspirin. Killing tablets. Stomach powder. Eye lotion. Mouth wash tablets. Sleeping pills. Fruit salts. Sulphaguanidin (a sulphadiazine drug).
- Pain-killers. Foot powder. Thyroid pills. Laxative. Eye ointment. Friar's balsam. Dozens of boxes and bottles of unidentifiable prescriptions.
- Pure olive oil. Iodine. Two thermometers (one for self, one for children). Elasticised dressings for minor cuts. Castor oil. Friar's balsam. Cough linctus. Charcoal tablets. Alkalis tablets. Blackcurrant and glycerine lozenges.
- A m phetamin (a stimulant). Skin cream. Menthol crystals. Glycerine. Hydrogen peroxide. Petrolatum jelly. Chest ointment.

Why Children Prefer Men

By Eileen Ascroft

WHY do children prefer men to women? Because children are shy, says Mrs Sydney Frankenburg, JP, who has written a delightful small book bringing common sense into nurseries riddled with sentiment and Old Wives' Tales.

The chapter Advice to Strangers, provides many useful tips for meeting children successfully for the first time.

"Men leave the child entirely alone at first," explains Mrs Frankenburg, "so that he contemplates them from a safe distance and gets thoroughly used to them before they make advances."

NO KISSES

Women tend to rush the child and either embrace or lift him before he has had the chance to size them up. And the result is frequently terrified screams. Here are four more important don'ts.

DON'T kiss the child—it embarrasses it and annoys its mother.

DON'T praise a child in front of its mother—your compliments for the mother's ears.

DON'T comment on growth. All children grow sick of this endless topic of conversation.

DON'T tease by pretending to take away a child's toy or his baby brother. Children, in common with most adults, have little humour and a great sense of possession.

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Rupert and The Lost Cuckoo—23

When the dove had departed on its mission, Mr. Knarf takes Rupert behind some bushes. "See! Here's the little dove!" he says. "If they see you, soon they may become shy and fly somewhere else." He points to a small bird in a tree.

There is a whistling and a clucking of wooden wings as the little dove appears. "It's even older than the bird from the Ark. In their midst is a large shining bird with a huge tail. That must be the Quail's weathercock!"

General Tin, the Tin Soldier, seemed to be right in a way.

But the two shadows just shook their heads and said, "You Ethelbert!"

THE BANNISTER STORY

TOO LIGHT TO MAKE THE BOAT CREW, HE TOOK TO RUNNING AS A PASTIME

February 1947. At the Ifley Road track, Oxford's freshmen are competing to sort out the wheat from the chaff of the University's new recruits, an interesting, but not spectacular event.

That, at least, is how it strikes one of the competitors. A miller, he looks the part. Eleven and a half stone of wiry muscle eked out sparingly over his 6 ft. 2 ins. frame.

But, in truth, he isn't a runner at all. This is his first race.

He came to Oxford from University College with two ambitions. They were to gain the highest honours as a medical student and to stroke Oxford to victory in the Boat Race.

The second has already been thwarted. They told him he was too light ever to make the Boat crew. An active youth he turned to running for his pastime. But gaining second place in that first race does not excite him unduly. With no rowing, medicine is now his whole life.

Seven years later, the scene is the same Ifley Road track. Pounding it is the same miller, now with two degrees after his name, a classical running style, and a string of great victories to his credit in the record books.

No second place this time. For the miller is Roger Bannister, the time is Thursday, May 6, and the occasion that first-ever four-minute mile.

But one thing has not changed—his attitude. It is still that of the young freshman setting off on his first tentative attempt to cover four laps.

The envy of athletes the world over, medicine remains his life's work. Athletics is not even his favourite pastime. After gaining that position, it has been superseded by mountaineering.

A champion with a difference, this record-breaking hero. Records? Here? The very words repel him. Only six months ago, addressing the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, he said: "More people are becoming watchers instead of players. This results in an element of corruption creeping in, and there is more 'idolising' of the sportsman than is desirable. It is all to the spirit of sport."

And "A great danger to athletics is that we are becoming more pre-occupied with records than with the sport itself."

Even after his great run on May 6 he said he regarded beating competitors more important than beating the clock.

Does he practise what he preaches? Most certainly. In 1949 he made but two track appearances, refusing to take off time from studying. His decision meant turning down an extremely attractive trip to New Zealand for the Empire Games.

But what about all the preparation for the May 6 effort? Three months' special training left no doubt that it was to be a four-minute mile or bust. Is that in keeping with one who looks down on records?

Maybe not. But it is in keeping with another side of Bannister's character—individualism.

A LONE WOLF

Bannister is essentially a lone wolf. He likes taking long walks—alone; he likes climbing mountains—alone. And so he has his own way of training. "I don't think it is necessary to have a trainer, middle-distance running is quite a natural technique."

Such sentiments are all very well for the average runner. His opinions are his own. But when you are your country's chief Olympic hope, the public likes to regard you as public property.

So in 1952, training for his first Olympics—he turned down an invitation to represent Britain at Wembley four years earlier because he considered himself too young—advice came from all quarters.

He did not take it. So it was that this most retiring of young men, who asked nothing more than to be allowed to enjoy his sport in his own way, became one of the most criticised men in Britain.

"He should train more, and run more," was the cry. For on some days, Bannister would not put in an appearance at all on the track. When he did so, it was seldom for more than half an hour.

But what the critics did not realise was that Bannister, an extremely sensitive man, runs on nervous, rather than physical energy. Even minor races could reach his peak just once in a season.

No running machine that turns out records automatically, Bannister, like that great New Zealand miler, Jack Lovelock, reaches his peak just once in a season.

This opinion was not based solely on track experiences. In his medical studies Bannister acted as his own guinea-pig in carrying out research in breathing control and energy expenditure.

(Amongst other conclusions he established his success formula—length of leg, 35 inches inside measurement, and a capacity for absorbing five litres of oxygen a minute.)

ACTED AS A SPUR

Being an individualist, however, criticism did not worry him unduly. But it did act as a spur. More than ever did he intend to win the Olympic 1,500 metres and prove his accusers wrong.

But fate was against him. It was intended to stage one series of heats and the final. A last-minute change put in an additional round of heats. Bannister's carefully-balanced training schedule was thrown off key. He was beaten into fourth place in the final.

More than anything else that failure helped produce the wonderful run on May 6. Bannister determined to prove his methods right.

What next, now that he has done so? Will he carry on running?

That is a question no-one can answer. Not even Bannister. As yet he takes his final medical degree. If he qualifies as seems likely, he may have no time even for his limited training programme.

If, this is the case, he may give up running altogether. "I wouldn't worry me," he says.

On the other hand, quite out of the blue, another seemingly unimportant meeting may find itself front-page news with the announcement "Roger Bannister has broken the barrier again."

(London Express Service)

ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE

6.00 p.m. EVENT 9. ONE MILE.

1. G. E. DOLE (Univ.) 42.2
2. A. D. GORDON (Marsden) 42.2
3. T. N. MILLER (Univ.) 42.2
4. R. G. BANNISTER (Achilles) 42.2
5. C. J. CHATMAN (Achilles) 42.2
6. W. BRASHER (Achilles) 42.2

1st. 42.2 2nd. 42.2 3rd. 42.2 4th. 42.2 5th. 42.2 6th. 42.2

Time 3. 32.4

Collectors of athletic meeting programmes at which world records are broken certainly regard this as one of the most prized ones to have. Roger Bannister has affixed his autograph to this programme following the first ever Mile run in under four minutes. — Express Photo.

The British Amateur Championship—The Biggest Gamble In Golf

By DEREK JOHN

The British Amateur Golf Championship. Critics call it the biggest gamble in golf. They are right. Eighteen-hole match-play is uncertain at the best of times. But with 300 players lumped into a draw, where the favourites are often jammed into one section, it really is a gamble.

Yet, not even the severest critic will deny that it is a glorious gamble, one that never fails to produce a winner of undisputed ability. Just look at the past few champions. Joe Carr, Harvie Ward, Dick Chapman, Frank Stranahan. All are names to remember.

HONGKONG MEMBERSHIP IN AFC AWAITS COUNCIL'S APPROVAL

The Hongkong Football Association Council yesterday deferred ratification of the Colony's membership in the 16-nation Asian Football Confederation following a sharp verbal duel between the Council chairman, Mr Jack Skinner and a member of the Council, Mr Leslie Channing.

The Council decided to refer the minutes of the Confederation's inaugural meeting held recently at Manila and its draft Constitution to the Association's Management Committee and await the latter's recommendations.

Earlier, Mr Channing had charged that the Confederation, of which Mr Skinner is Vice-President to "FIFA" was "infected with semi-professionalism" and questioned Mr Skinner's right to participate in the formation of the Confederation without the Council's sanction.

Mr Skinner challenged Mr Channing to prove his allegation of semi-professionalism and Mr Channing retorted he would do so when the minutes and the draft Constitution had been circulated to the members of the Council.

In his report to the Council on the formation of the AFC, Mr Skinner said: "The Confederation has no disciplinary powers. Its function is merely to promote football in Asia, coordinate arrangements for visiting teams and exchange information."

In reply to Mr Channing's request for clarification of the Colony's status, Mr Skinner said Hongkong was not yet a member of the Confederation and would not be unless the Council ratified it.

Mr Skinner defended his right and that of two other Council members, Messrs C. K. Wood and Leslie Lui, to participate in the formation of the Confederation. "We are your duly appointed representatives and at all times we can act in that capacity to further the interests of the Colony."

He reiterated that the Council still had the final say in whether the Colony would become a member of the Confederation. The Council's decision, to refer the matter to the Management Committee followed a schismatic vote by another Council member, Mr K. K. Ip.

Earlier, Mr Skinner had taken exception to Mr Channing's claim that Australian footballers "can teach us sportsmanship and fair play, something that the European teams can't."

Mr Skinner retorted: "The just as anxious as you are to bring in the Australian team."

At the start of the meeting the new Council members, Mr Jack E. Hayward (Police) and Mr Andy Mullen (Club) were introduced by Mr Skinner.

The following teams were selected yesterday by the HKFA Selection Sub-Committee for representative matches: Great Britain v China, International Cup, on May 23; Grainger, Armstrong, Wells, Toth, Fraser, (captain), Falconer, Curran, Reeves, Gardner, Gilbey, Thomas, reserves, McLaren, Dowling, Hughes, MacDonald, Moss, Bennett, (Team manager, Andy Mullen).

Root of Colony v Combined Chinese Charity Match, on May 27; Grainger, Armstrong, Wells, Hughes, Fraser, Santos (captain), Fok, Moss, Leader, Falconer, Gilbey, reserves, Taylor, Dowling, Toth, Higgins, Gardner, Thomas, (Team manager, Fil-Lit Hides).

HUNGARIAN TEAM
The Hongkong Football Association Council yesterday decided to "sound out" the reaction of the Hongkong Police to the projected visit of Hungary's national soccer team to Hongkong.

The Hungarian manager, Mr Wolf Lybreg, has offered to bring the Hungarian and the Swedish A.K. teams for matches here at the end of the year.

Middlesex And Yorkshire Both Score Their Third Successive Victories

London, May 17. Middlesex and Yorkshire today both scored their third successive victories in this season's county cricket, both winning in two days.

Playing at Lord's, Nottinghamshire wickets toppled before keen Middlesex bowling and half the side was out for a total of 10. The situation was partly saved by a seventh-wicket partnership between J. Kelly and R. Giles, who added 71 to the total.

Denals Compton did not field at Lord's today. He is having trouble with the knee which caused him to stand down for most of the 1950 season.

Yorkshire convincingly defeated Hampshire by 228 runs. Len Hutton set the pace in batting, including a six and three fours in a brief but lively innings of 27.

Bob Appleyard completed Hampshire's misfortunes by bringing off another masterly display of offspin bowling. This brought him seven wickets for 35 runs, six of which were taken for 21 runs in eight overs. He had a match analysis of 10 for 54.

Sussex declared at their Saturday total of 360 for nine and Surrey, County Champions, then batted the rest of the day. Despite the absence of Test star Peter May, they had scored 400 for nine at close of play.

The game was enlivened with bright batting. Tom Clark came in fourth wicket down and batted for two and a half hours, scoring 101 not out, including 14 fours.

First Loader, last man in for the day, was not out 25. His score included six fours, four of which were hit in one over.

Close of play scores were:
At Lord's: Middlesex beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickets. Nottinghamshire 111 and 148 (Kelly 61, Moss right-arm fast medium, four for 30). Middlesex 155 and 100 for three.

At Westfield: Essex 300 and 80 for seven. Derbyshire 242 and 206 for four declared. Parkhouse 89, Watkins 68, Jones not out 72. Gloucestershire 80 (Watkins, left-arm medium, seven for 20) and ten for no wicket.

At Hove: Sussex 369 for nine declared. Surrey 400 for nine (Fletcher 75, Eric Beider 62, Clark not out 101).

At Bristol: Yorkshire beat Hampshire by 228 runs. Yorkshire 195 and 104 (eight declared). Hampshire 72 and 89 (Appleyard, right-arm medium offspin, seven for 35; True-man, right-arm fast, three for six).

PAKISTAN TOUR
Leicester, May 17. A fluent innings of 186—the highest of his career—by Maurice Tompkin helped Leicestershire gain a strong position against the touring Pakistan cricketers on the second day of their match here.

It was the first century of the tour against the Pakistan and it enabled Leicestershire to declare their first innings with a lead of 400 runs. They scored 389 for eight declared in reply to the Pakistan first innings total of 186. By the close of play, the tourists had made 21, for no wicket in their second innings.

Tompkin started slowly, but finished with a succession of glorious drives and pulls. He took many risks in the latter part of his innings and was missed at 152. Altogether he batted five and three-quarter hours and hit one five and 15 fours.

The Pakistan attack today was moderate, but one heartening feature was the bowling of the slow left-handers Shajouddin, playing his first match. He showed the ability to maintain a good length, for long periods and to spin the ball appreciably. The other batsmen, however, tried, each looking dangerous. Shajouddin took five for 137 in 62 overs.

Tompkin and Smithson put on 132 for the fifth wicket. Both fell to Shajouddin, who was easily the best bowler.

Leicester declared when Aslam took two wickets, both leg before, with successive balls. Pakistan avoided trouble in the 50 minutes left for batting and at the close required 169 to prevent an innings defeat.

THE SCOREBOARD
Pakistan, 1st Innings, 186
Leicestershire, 1st Innings, 389
Leicestershire, 2nd Innings, 400
Pakistan, 2nd Innings, 21

Olson Signs To Defend Title
San Francisco, May 17. Carl (Bob) Olson was signed today to defend his world middleweight crown against Rocky Castellani for the San Francisco City Limits in August.

Castellani, a 25-year-old Italian, was signed yesterday with promoter Naiman. Castellani's manager guaranteed a \$100,000 purse for Olson.

He will have a first defence in his home town and Rocky, who will promote in conjunction with the International Boxing Club, predicted that the bout would attract a seven-figure crowd.

The building and crowd would make for a big night. Olson is 37 and has a record of 17 wins and 10 losses.

Patty Beats Head
Paris, May 16. Lewis Head, the young Australian tennis star, was defeated here today by Buddy Patty, of the United States and Wimbledon champion in 1950.

Patty, playing for France in the match between the international clubs, off France and Belgium, beat Head 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

France won the three-day match 19-4—Reuter.

GARDINI SUSPENDED
Milan, May 17. The Italian Lawn Tennis Federation tonight disqualified Federico Gardini, the national champion, from playing championship tennis for the next ten months.

The reason given was that Gardini, number one in the national ranking, was said to have told the Federation he would not play in the Italian Davis Cup team this year "without compensation."

The Federation alleged that Gardini was supposed to have been offered a sum of 10 million lire (about £2,000,000) by the Federation secretary, this morning.

Reuter.

Bannister's Visit To U.S. An Outstanding Success, House Of Commons Told

London, May 17.

The goodwill visit of Roger Bannister, Britain's crack miler, to the United States was an "outstanding success," Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today.

A Socialist, Mr Emrys Hughes, had ridiculed the idea of sending Bannister to appear on sponsored television to "make money for a tobacco company, though he is a non-smoker."

Amid laughter, Mr Hughes asked for an assurance that when sponsored television came to Britain the Foreign Office would not bring over an American athlete to "boost Scottish whisky which he does not drink."

Mr Hughes, who sits for a Scottish constituency, said the incident showed the dangers of sponsored television—a controversial issue in Britain, which the Labour Party is strongly opposing.

Bannister, the first man to run a mile in under four minutes, did not appear on the sponsored programme because it was thought it might endanger his amateur status.

HOW INVITATION CAME

Telling the House how the invitation to Bannister arose, Mr Lloyd said:

"The British Information Service was asked by the producer of a programme to transmit an invitation to Mr Bannister to appear on television. The Foreign Office were glad to ask Mr Bannister to accept this invitation as it was felt nothing but good to Anglo-American relations would result."

"At the time, it was thought no difficulty over Mr Bannister's amateur status would arise from his undertaking a visit from which he himself would receive no personal gain."

"After arrangements had been made for Mr Bannister's journey, some doubt arose on the grounds that his appearance there was to be on a sponsored programme," Mr Lloyd said.

The rules on status varied from sport to sport and appeared to be very complicated.

SHEK-O GOLF

The Return Match between Shek-O ladies and the ladies of the R.H.K.G.C. will be played at Shek-O on Thursday, May 20. Play will start at 9.30 a.m. and will be followed by lunch.

The Match will be played on handicap—strokes to be taken on the basis of 3/4 of the difference. Ladies with an L.G.U. handicap will play off 3/4 of that handicap, while those not having an L.G.U. handicap will play off their Shek-O handicap.

The following is the draw—
Mrs D. B. Sinclair v. Mrs A. S. Mitchell; Mrs A. W. Dawson v. Mrs J. Wai; Mrs E. D. Hunter v. Mrs A. B. Coleman; Mrs S. M. Bucke v. Mrs J. B. Mackie; Mrs J. F. Harrington v. Mrs F. G. Harrison; Mrs J. A. H. Saunders v. Mrs J. R. Coates; Mrs J. E. Byington v. Mrs M. van der Touw; Mrs R. W. Taplin v. Mrs C. Hayes; Mrs J. R. Gregg v. Mrs M. Reeves; Mrs H. Borton v. Mrs R. R. Coombs; Mrs M. L. Neale v. Mrs L. Goldman; Mrs E. Huttemeler v. Mrs S. S. Gordon; Mrs P. Morrison v. Mrs F. Laroche; Mrs J. Spence v. Mrs P. Hawkins; Mrs S. Mason v. Mrs I. E. Litch; Mrs F. Springer v. Mrs D. Hing.

Players from Shek-O are named first.

In the afternoon there will be pick-up games and swimming for those who would like to stay on.

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BADMINTON ASSOCIATION TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS TO PLAY JAPAN

The Hongkong Badminton Association at its Executive Committee Meeting yesterday at the South China Morning Post Board Room decided to go ahead immediately with the selection and training programme for their next round's Thomas Cup match although it was revealed that the Association had not received any reply yet to its two letters to the Japan Badminton Association.

The meeting agreed that the help of the Japanese Consulate in Hongkong be sought in locating the whereabouts of the Japan Badminton Association, which the HKBA has so far not been able to contact through its address as given by the International Badminton Federation.

The selection and training duties were delegated to the same sub-committee which was appointed for the Hongkong versus Burma match, comprising Messrs P. H. Wong (Chairman), W. B. Brown and K. S. Law.

A proviso was made that in the event of Mr. K. S. Law being unable to serve on the Committee, the Chairman would co-opt on his own accord a third member for the sub-committee.

Full powers were vested in the sub-committee to formulate its programme and to carry it out as soon as possible. In connection with this, Mr. P. H. Wong, Chairman of the Hongkong Badminton Association, announced that he had been asked to put forward a proposal at the next meeting of the Association that it should be re-named.

CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

A report on the recently concluded Colony Championships was also made to the meeting by Mr. S. P. Aves, the Championships Secretary. Commenting on the Championships, Mr. W. B. Brown, President of the Association, criticised strongly the attitude of club representatives, and non-Championship Committee members, in their failure to co-operate with the organisation of the Championships.

He also expressed a feeling that the attitude of some of the club representatives in the Championships was not what it should be.

HOCKEY "QUIZ"

The following are the answers vetted by Mr. G. Cowlishaw, Esq., Secretary of the International Hockey Board to a set of questions set by C. T. A. Wilkinson, Esq., the Editor of the Southern Counties Hockey Union Association (UK), and republished in these columns on Friday, April 2, 1954.

Q.1.—How is it decided which player shall defend a penalty bully.

A.—(a) The offender. (b) A player of the offender's side chosen by the Captain of that side. (c) The umpire selects a player of the defending team in the event of the award of a penalty bully under Rule 17 (Penalty Corner) (10c).

Q.2.—A player took a free hit from just outside the circle. The ball went straight to a goal post, and rebounded directly to him just inside the circle. He shot it into the goal. What is the decision?

A.—A free hit to the opposing team. After taking a free hit the striker must not approach within playing distance of the ball nor in any way participate in the game until the ball has touched or been played by another player of either side. A ball hitting a goal post shall be deemed to be a direct pass.

Q.3.—If a measure is taken from the outer edge of the circle to the nearest edge of the goal line—measuring down the middle of the field—what should be the distance?

A.—15 yards, 2 feet 9 inches. Q.4.—At what exact moment during a bully may another player cross the line on which it is being played?

A.—Another player may NOT cross the line during a bully, but may do so after the bully has been completed and the ball put into general play.

The number of answers from Hockey enthusiasts was disappointing—only 9 being received—and only 4 being correct. No all-correct reply was received, perhaps it may be some consolation to know that no all-correct replies were received in UK either! The best answer submitted was by Major D. H. Wharry, RA, whilst Major L. Mepsted, RA, QMSI, Godall, APTC and WOIT Peters, RASC deserve special mention.

It is intended to continue these series of questions on the rules of Hockey next season when it is hoped that the response by players and umpires in forwarding their answers will be better.

Committee met again to go over the Championships rules, and recommended some slight changes for the smoother and more effective running of future Championships to the next Executive Committee Meeting. This motion was unanimously agreed to.

Presenting the statement of accounts for the Championships, Mr. P. H. Wong, Chairman, informed the meeting that the Colony Championships had a profit of \$561.35 to the Association. The Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Championships for the year resulted in a credit balance of \$21.15. A total of \$582.50 was donated to the Association of the following four clubs: Craykegower, Berrig, Laker, and St. Teresa for the use of their courts for the Championships.

Under general business, a letter from the Badminton Convention of Craykegower Cricket Club was read, informing the Association that the Craykegower Cricket Club in connection with its Annual Badminton Championships will have three events thrown open to all badminton players affiliated to the Hongkong Badminton Association or to the International Badminton Federation. These events are: Men's Open Singles, Men's Open Doubles and Open Mixed Doubles.

EXEMPLARY GESTURE

Commenting that this was an exemplary gesture on the part of Craykegower Cricket Club, the Chairman moved that the Association issue a circular to every affiliated club requesting them to give these events their whole-hearted co-operation and support.

Among the general regulations of the Craykegower Open Championships are that entries will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. Entry forms are obtainable from the different Club representatives and are to be sent to the Badminton Convention of the Club.

The Men's Singles event will begin on Monday, May 31, and will be completed by Wednesday, June 2. This will be followed by the other events.

FANLING GOLF

Li Col. P. H. Carey won the Bogey competition played over the Old Course at Fanling during the weekend and with one up.

Bogey was won by H. Petrie being in second place with a return of all square. N. P. Downie and R. M. Macpherson occupying third position with one down against Bogey.

The winner on the New Course was F. Brockbank with a return of two up, the second best score being handed in by Captain J. Fortune.

MEDAL SCORES

The best Medal scores returned during the weekend were:—

Old Course: Lt. Col. P. H. Carey 79—10 net; N. P. Downie 84—14 net; A. R. Petrie 78—7 net.

New Course: F. J. Brockbank 85—20 net; H. Bullock 89—24 net; D. Black 91—28 net; J. B. Mackie 78—2 net; J. B. Fortune 87—18 net; P. J. McNamara 94—24 net; F. D. Hunter 79—7 net.

"FLAG" COMPETITION

Entries are invited on Club House Notice Boards for a Mixed Foursomes Flag Competition to be held at Deep Water Bay on Saturday, 29th May. Conditions are:—

Handicaps to be three-quarters of Fanling, one half of combined to be taken. 60 strokes plus handicap will be allowed and "markers" must be inserted at points reached with last stroke provided this is not on a putting green. Matches may be arranged but if no private arrangements are made, follow competitors will be drawn in the usual way. Men's Tees will be used and there will be three hidden prizes in addition to those awarded to the winners and runners-up. Entries may be sent to the office, closing date being May 24.

ed by the Men's Doubles event which will end on June 4. The Mixed Doubles Championship will commence on June 5 and terminate on June 9.

All matches will be played at the Craykegower Cricket Club, commencing at 7 p.m. each night. No postponements will be allowed. The first round fixtures will be published in these columns but all players are requested to look at the Fixture Board in the stadium hall for their subsequent matches.

"RSL" shuttles will be provided for these Championships. Challenge trophies and medals will be awarded to the winners of each event and replays to runners-up.

Hutton Looks A Certainty To Captain England On The Australian Tour

Says DENIS COMPTON

There are two points of view on the announcement that Len Hutton has been appointed to captain England in the first Test against Pakistan. The less charitable is that, despite the recovery of the Ashes last summer and the fight back to a two-all draw in the West Indies, the new Selection Committee are not sure of him and are leaving themselves, and the selectors of the side for Australia in the winter, time for manoeuvres.

I take the opposite line. Had the selectors any such idea surely they would have taken the opportunity of "blooding" someone else as quickly as possible.

By appointing Hutton early in the season, however, the selectors look to me to have acted swiftly and deliberately to kill out rumours of a contemplated change in leadership. Otherwise what was their hurry?

I don't think too much importance should be attached to Len's appointment for one Test only so far. This is completely in accordance with precedent in a home series.

Think of what would happen if he suddenly lost his form—and even the best batsmen sometimes strike incredibly bad patches—so that temporarily he was not worth his place. I cannot imagine such a thing happening—but it might.

After all, Billy Wright is appointed England captain match by match. Is the difference so great?

A captain who loses his form on tour can drop himself from a Test but if he has been appointed for the whole of the series at home, he cannot stand down so easily without creating an embarrassing situation.

Such accidents apart, however, Len is a certainty not only for the rest of this season, but for next winter's Australian trip also.

Those who played under him know what a splendid job he has done in circumstances far from easy. He deserves maximum support from everyone.

I hope he crowns his other triumphs by leading England in a successful defence of the Ashes in Australia. That would be his greatest achievement.

WORTHY ATTEMPT

In a worthy attempt to enliven the game and give more encouragement to leg-break bowlers, the MCC have for the next two seasons, reverted to the old ruling that a new ball may be taken after 200 runs instead of after 65 overs.

Under the 65-over system teams relying for their wickets mainly on fast and medium-fast bowlers preferred to use the left-arm slow bowler and off-spinner to keep down the runs between the faster bowling spells.

In some sides the poor old leg-spinner was looked upon as too expensive a luxury. The experience of Gloucestershire against Oxford, however, emphasised how a team like Derbyshire, with a predominantly seam-bowling attack, may be handicapped considerably under the revised law compared with a side of good slow bowling.

When the new ball became due, Gloucestershire bowlers had called for 100 overs. Last year's laws would have enabled them to claim it 38 overs earlier. Every change in legislation brings some energy, of course, and many feel that the fielding

captain should be allowed choice of the new ball at either 65 overs or 200 runs. Personally, I prefer the pre-war 200-run rule. One of the reasons for that being changed was to counteract a growing tendency to "gamesmanship" in order to hasten or delay the taking of the new ball.

On the surface, therefore, any captain wishing to do so can instruct his batsmen deliberately not to score runs, or his bowlers to throw runs away, but I am certain we shall see no repetition of such incidents.

The laws of cricket are complex and long enough already without the MCC having to try and legislate for every loophole.

They have the right to expect that the players will make sure that the spirit in which the game is played is far more important than anything else. Cricket would be a poor sport indeed, if the participants were always egged on in the Book of Law to see what flaw they could seize upon.

TOUGH HANDICAP

My sympathy to Charlie Oakes, the Sussex all-rounder. This is Charlie's benefit year, but I am told he may find some difficulty in winning his place in the county side, because of the considerable trouble he is still having with the finger injured two years ago.

Charlie spent many hours in the nets during the winter trying to bat his way back to confidence, but the finger is a tough handicap. The injury came when he misjudged a "dolly" catch in a practice match.

Still, I have no doubt he will receive a good benefit. The club and the welfare association have guaranteed him that and Sussex benefits have become as generous as those of most other counties.

The admirers of Oxford captain Colin Cowdrey—they include me—would have been pleased to hear the glowing accounts of the Gloucestershire men who played against him last week.

According to wicketkeeper Andy Wilson, Colin hits the ball like a rocket off his back foot. He was never in the least difficulty until he made his one and only mistake during an innings of 78.

That might well be a good omen for Oxford, Kent—and England.

"TERRIFIC ENTHUSIASM" I have not yet had the chance to see any of the Pakistan players in action, but I can vouch for their terrific enthusiasm. Typical of their spirit was the way they greeted the team asked me how best to adjust their play to English conditions.



LEAGUE TENNIS

The feature match of the League Tennis games scheduled for yesterday, that between South China and Chinese Recreation Club Mixed Doubles "A" Division teams, ended in a lopsided score in favour of the former by seven sets to two.

South China's first two pairs, Mr and Mrs Ip Khoo-hung and Edwin Tsai and Mary Chow, won three sets each, but K. C. Dao and Ulan Khoo dropped two.

One blank score—0-0—was registered in the Men's "C" Division (Group A) matches, when Kowloon Indians white-washed Hongkong Cricket Club at King's Park. The KIC have hitherto won two matches and lost none.

Both Chinese Recreation Club's Men's "C" Division teams won. The CRC (1) had a fairly easy time disposing of Craykegower by eight sets to one, but their second string had to fight hard to just manage to beat Ladies Recreation Club (2) by the odd set of nine.

The following are the scores:

MIXED A DIVISION
SCAA beat CRC 7-2
Mr and Mrs K. H. Ip (SCAA) beat Mr W. P. Tsai and Mrs H. Lo 6-2, beat Mr V. T. Wong and Mrs G. F. Chow 6-2, and beat Mr T. T. Tsai and Miss G. Lo 6-1.
Mr E. Tsai and Mrs M. Chow (SCAA) beat Mr W. P. Tsai and Mrs H. Lo 6-2, beat Mr V. T. Wong and Mrs T. F. Chow 6-1, and beat Mr Y. P. Tsai and Miss G. Lo 6-1.
Mr K. C. Dao and Miss U. Khoo (SCAA) lost to Mr W. P. Tsai and Mrs H. Lo 6-7, lost to Mr V. T. Wong and Mrs T. F. Chow 6-6, and beat Mr Y. P. Tsai and Miss G. Lo 6-1.

KCC beat HKCC 5-1

Mrs J. Stokes and Mr A. Augustad (KCC) beat Miss A. Philip and Mr G. Macpherson 6-1, and beat Mrs G. D. Malden and Mr J. D. Mackie 6-4.
Mrs A. Liang and Mr C. Quong (KCC) beat Miss A. Philip and Mr G. Macpherson 6-1, and beat Mrs G. D. Malden and Mr J. D. Mackie 7-5.
Mrs O. Dow and Mr F. Lonne (KCC) beat Miss A. Philip and Mr G. Macpherson 7-3, and beat Mrs G. D. Malden and Mr J. D. Mackie 6-2.
Mrs J. Kite and Mr J. Goldman of HKCC defeated three sets.

C DIVISION "A"

IRC lost to Rerele (2) 3-4.
Kitchell and S. A. K. Bux (IRC) lost to M. C. Souza and J. M. Ribeiro 4-0, lost to A. Azedo and S. Noddi 5-7, beat L. J. Remedios and J. M. Collares 6-2.
S. M. Rumbhain and N. Samy (IRC) beat Souza and Ribeiro 4-0, beat Azedo and Noddi 6-4, lost to Remedios and Collares 4-0.
H. Omar and R. Bux (IRC) lost to Souza and Ribeiro 3-0, lost to Azedo and Noddi 3-0, and lost to Remedios and Collares 5-7.
CRC (2) beat LRC (2) 5-4.
E. Tsai and D. Choy (CRC) beat J. Hallock and R. W. Wheeler 6-3, beat P. Simon and J. Ryberg 6-4, beat J. Hallock and R. W. Wheeler 6-4.
Z. Y. Tung and D. Woo (CRC) lost to Hallock and Wheeler 3-0, beat Simon and Ryberg 6-2, lost to Hallock and Wheeler 4-0, lost to Simon and Ryberg 4-0, beat Hallock and Wheeler 6-2.

KCC lost to KTC 2-7.
N. Leonard and E. W. Ho (KCC) lost to K. S. Ling and C. M. Tang 3-6, lost to P. P. Kuo and C. S. Ling 4-0, and lost to A. Chan and F. Chen 5-7.
D. Coffey and H. V. Dyck (KCC) lost to Ling and Tang 5-7, lost to Kuo and Ling 4-0, and lost to Chan and Chen 3-0.
H. da Silva and C. Soetens (KCC) lost to Ling and Tang 6-2, beat Kuo and Ling 6-3, and beat Chan and Chen 6-3.

KITC beat HKCC 9-0

U. S. Muni and Yagub Khan (KITC) beat A. Hopkins and F. Fany 6-0, beat A. Malden and B. Weldon 6-0, and beat B. Fleaman and A. Wilkinson 6-1.
K. Yusuf and B. K. Moorjani (KITC) beat A. Hopkins and F. Fany 6-0, beat A. Malden and B. Weldon 6-0, and beat B. Fleaman and A. Wilkinson 6-0.
Firdos Khan and H. N. Harilela (KITC) beat A. Hopkins and F. Fany 7-0, beat A. Malden and B. Weldon 6-0, and beat B. Fleaman and A. Wilkinson 6-1.

C DIVISION "B"

CCC lost to CRC (1) 1-5.
C. K. Chau and K. C. Fung (CCC) lost to M. C. Ng and C. P. Ho 1-0, beat K. W. Cheung and Wong Kei 6-1, lost to Y. Y. Lam and K. C. Ng 4-0.
O. Sadek and J. Liang (CCC) lost to Ng and Ho 2-0, lost to Cheung and Kei 6-0, lost to Lam and Ng 1-0.
L. Sung and B. Disher (CCC) lost to Ng and Ho 4-0, lost to Cheung and Kei 1-0, lost to Lam and Ng 1-0.

PORC lost to LRC (1) 4-3

A. C. Crook and Y. S. Fung (PORC) beat J. A. Cheatham and H. Aiers 6-3, lost to W. H. Williams and P. Andersen 3-0, lost to J. Wong and N. C. Wong (PORC) beat Cheatham and Aiers 6-2, beat Williams and Andersen 6-2, beat Widmer and Hobbs 6-3.
S. K. Chin and C. T. Cheng (PORC) lost to Cheatham and Aiers 3-0, lost to Williams and Andersen 1-0, lost to Widmer and Hobbs 4-0.

SCAA beat PRC 6-3

Dr P. T. Yau and C. C. Wang (SCAA) beat H. W. E. Heath and E. Brown 6-4, beat J. Tyrer and W. M. Gillies 6-4, and beat A. R. S. Major and D. G. Mathers 6-0.
K. C. Lung and H. H. Lau (SCAA) beat Heath and Brown 6-2, tied Tyrer and Gillies, and lost to Major and Mathers 5-7.
H. C. Tse and C. P. Wu (SCAA) beat Heath and Brown 6-0, lost to Tyrer and Gillies 2-4, and tied Major and Mathers.

R. L. Team Arrives In Australia

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British Board of Control
Suggests That Cohen Fight For Vacant Bantam Title

London, May 17.
The British Boxing Board of Control said today it would propose that Robert Cohen of France fight an as yet unnamed opponent shortly for the world bantam-weight title vacated yesterday by Australia's Jimmy Carruthers.

Board Secretary Teddy Waltham told the United Press he expected to be in touch with American boxing authorities soon in an effort to arrange such a fight for the world title.

He said Cohen's opponent would probably be chosen from Chamreron Songkrit of Thailand, Neco Brooks of the United States, Florio Cosentino of Belgium or Raton Marciano of Mexico.

J. Onslow Fane, Chairman of the European Boxing Union, could not be reached for comment.—United Press.

HOGAN TO RUN IN AMERICA
Brisbane, May 17.
Hector Hogan, the Australian sprinter who equalled the world 100 Yards record of 0.3 seconds last March, will leave for the United States on Wednesday to run there before competing in the British Empire and Commonwealth games in Vancouver.—Reuter.

"We're definitely against such a proposal. Bantam, such a tournament would take nearly two years. Far better to let the two best men in the division—Cohen and another—fight for the title straight away."

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An inaugural lecture from the Chair of Physics "Some Recent Developments in Nuclear Physics" will be delivered by Professor R. W. Parsons, B.E., D.Phil., F.S.A.S.M. on Tuesday, May 18, 1954 at 8.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre, Chemistry Building.

Members of the University and the Public are invited to attend.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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French Plan To Raise Its Living Standards

Paris, May 17.

The French Government has launched an ambitious four-year economic plan designed to raise what is today the lowest standard of living in Western Europe.

Two thousand experts made a six-month examination of every sector of the French economy before producing the plan, the second of its kind since the end of World War II.

The first, produced by M. Jean Monnet, now head of the European Coal and Steel Pool High Authority, repaired the country's war-damaged economy but could not hope to rectify the deficiencies which have grown up over the last 50 years.

These deficiencies have led to a present production level only just above that of 1929 while in the United States it has doubled in the last 25 years. Average income is only slightly above half the Canadian and Swiss levels, one third of the American and 65 per cent of the British.

The average wage in industry and commerce has been kept at less than 25,000 francs (£25) a month and for farm workers at a little over 18,000 francs (£18).

MODERNISATION PLAN

The new plan aims at remedying this state of affairs by a thorough modernisation of plant, agriculture and building methods.

It sets out to boost national revenue by 25 per cent by 1957 through a 20 per cent increase in agricultural production, a 25 to 30 per cent increase in in-

dustrial output, and a 60 per cent increase in building activity.

The result, it is hoped, will be to eliminate the French balance of payments deficit and raise the individual standard of living by 4 per cent a year.

The plan calls for 6,610,000 million francs (£6,610 million) worth of investments over the next four years. The largest portion of this is to be devoted to housing.

The problem of providing roofs for 42,000 Frenchmen who need them today and the 300,000 being added to the population every year is one of the most difficult facing the country.

House and flat building has been at a snail's pace since the war and even then largely of the luxury class. Under the new plan, 240,000 homes will be built each year, and the average price will be brought down from 3,000,000 francs (£3,000) to 2,500,000 francs (£2,500).

Second priority in the plan is given to the streamlining of French agriculture, grown rusty through decades of protection and neglect. Wheat, meat and milk production will be the special targets, with half of the additional output destined for domestic consumption and half for export.

Present clumsy marketing procedures will be reorganised, farming techniques modernised especially in the backward areas, generous credits allowed for the purchase of new equipment, such as tractors and harvesters, and storage facilities extended.

In the industrial field, plans provide for stepping up the output of machine tools by 45 per cent, of agricultural machinery by 80 per cent, foundry work and clothing by 30 per cent, cars by 20 per cent and leather, wood and textiles by 15 per cent. — China Mail Special.

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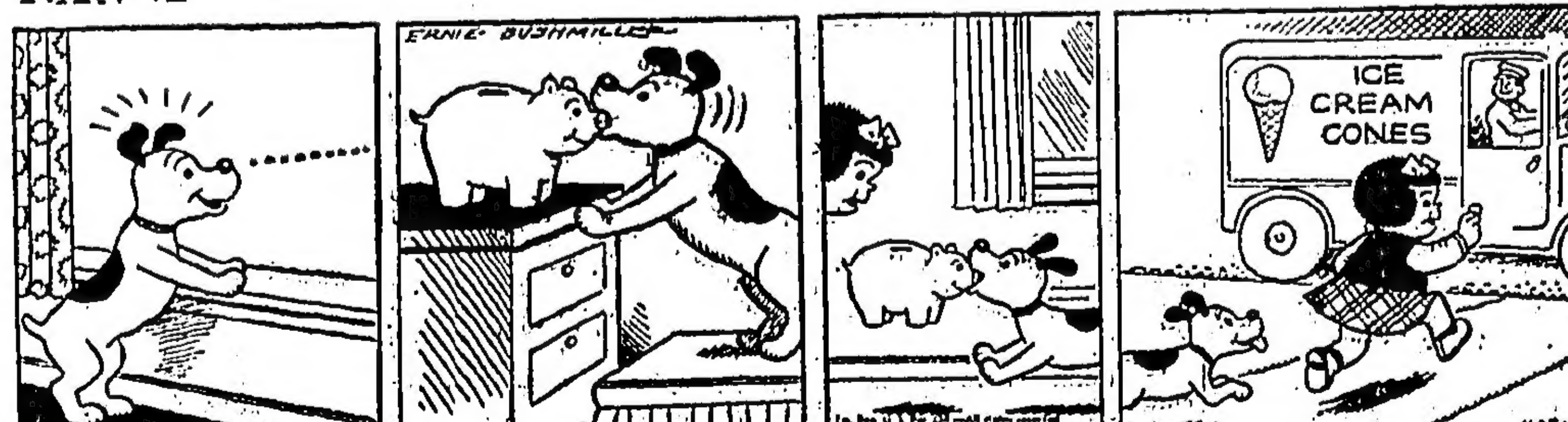
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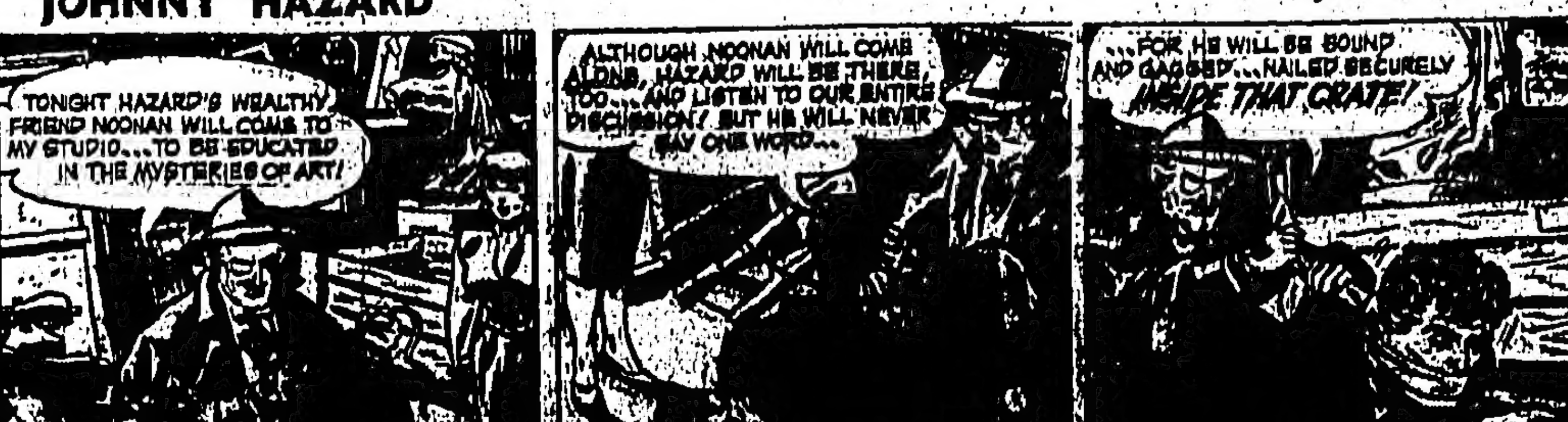
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Sponge Divers To Help The Pearlers

Melbourne, May 17. A team of 10 Greek sponge fishermen from the Aegean Island of Kalymnos left last night for Darwin to join the Australian pearl diving fleet in a six months expedition.

None have dived for pearls before, though they have had many years' experience of sponge diving.

The Government hopes they will be able to equal the skill of Japanese divers. Other Kalymnian crews are expected to follow next year to help revive the Australian pearling industry.

The recruitment of the divers was sponsored by the Australian Government through the inter-governmental committee for European migration in Geneva.

The team arrived here on the 7,527-ton Cyrenia with some 600 other Greek immigrants from Piraeus. It includes three divers, three tenders, three crew members and an engineer—Rouler.

146 MAU MAU KILLED

Nairobi, May 17. In the last nine days, 146 Mau Mau terrorists have been killed in Kenya, Army headquarters announced today. This included 113 for the week ended Saturday.

Fifteen others were captured and wounded, and many more suspects were detained—Pulse.

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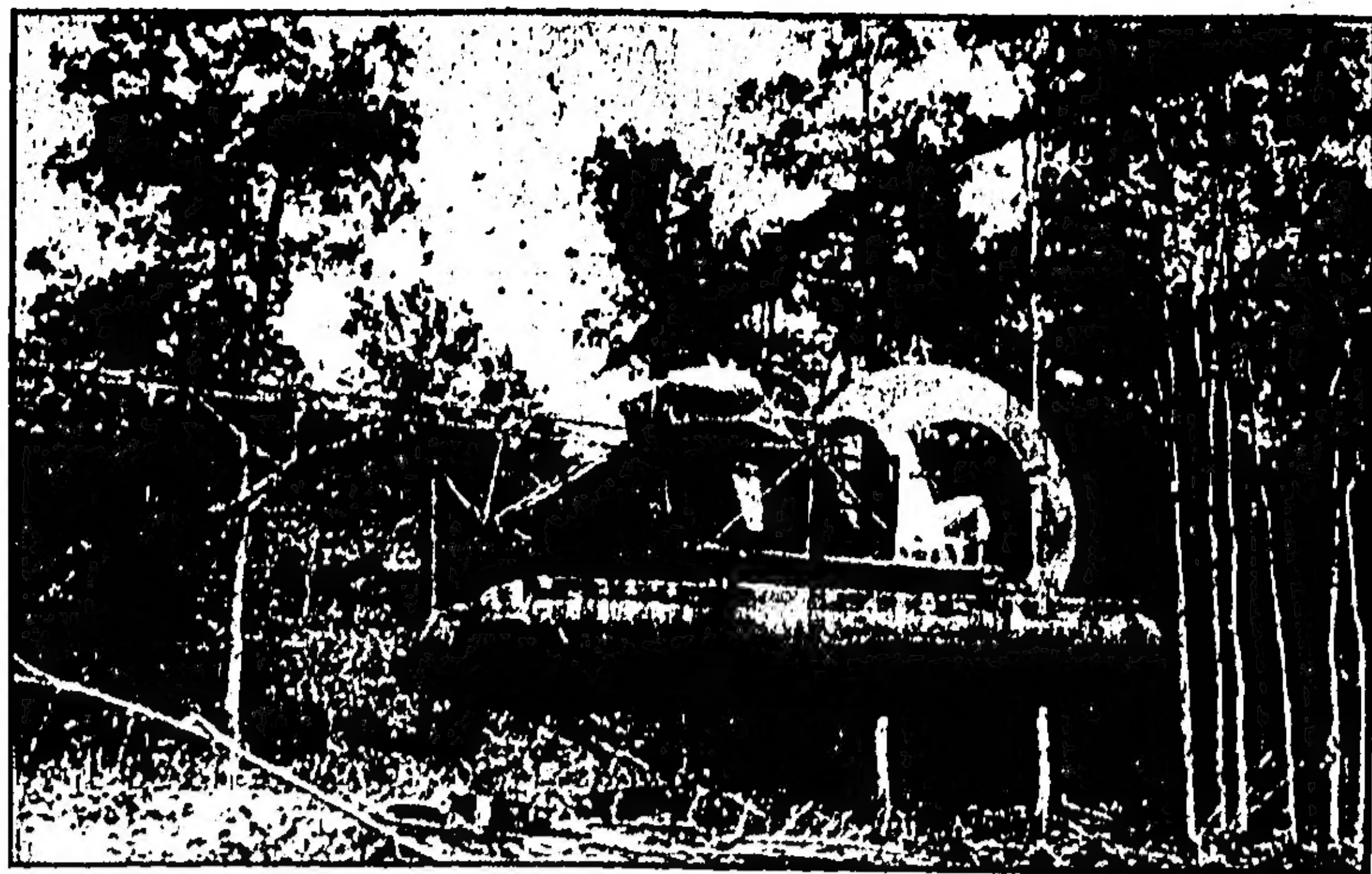
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This helicopter is being used by the Australian Petroleum Company in their search for oil in Papua on the island of New Guinea. This picture shows it landing in a clearing with some of the equipment for the isolated oil workers. (Central Press Photo.)

Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain

New Chemical Puts Out Air-Crash Fire In Twenty Seconds!

Two items of particular interest are featured in this week's "Round-up". The first tells of a sensational new chemical developed by a British firm, General Fire Appliances Co., Ltd., of London called chloromethane (C₂H₄) for short, which actually extinguished a "meat" fire in 20 seconds, when identical tests with conventional equipment failed to get the fire under control at all. The second item is about a system worked out by an instrument scientist to ensure that guided missiles don't suddenly and unaccountably change direction in flight. This weekly feature comes to you in the "China Mail" every Tuesday direct from the London headquarters of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. It is written in a readable style with the very minimum of technical jargon and can be easily understood by the expert and the layman alike.

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equipment, which consists of a light high-speed vehicle. It is expected to be used on a large scale in the future.

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Effect of High 'G'

The gimbal frame obviously has to be able to move independently of the gyro, and so normally the gimbal spindle has a minute "end float"—a matter of only some tenths of thousandths of an inch. However, when the gyro is subjected to very high 'g' forces—of the order of those put on a missile which is shot off the ground and immediately accelerates to hundreds of miles an hour—then, the effect on the gyro is not a happy one.

The reason is, of course, that the gyro-movement which ought to be made possible by the "floating" spindle is all taken up by the 'g' forces. The result is that the gyro does not operate as it should, and the slip cartons variety of consequences may follow.

One way to stop this happening would, of course, be to apply a pressure of about 4 or 5 lb. along the axis of the spindle, but this, of course, reverses the very purpose of the end-floating spindle, which was to leave the gyro-wheel free.

Fortunately, scientists at Kelvin & Hughes, where instruments of this kind are made, discovered that it was possible to put this pressure on the gimbal spindles without reducing the gimbal sensitivity if the spindles were revolved.

This system of a rotating gimbal spindle has two other advantages. First, any dust which creeps into the system does not form hard spots which upset it, but is ground down and dissipated by the rotating action of the spindle. Second, it makes it possible to use ball races which are not so finely finished as the ordinary ones, and, in the case of missiles, with several gyroscopes in them, the cost of the weapon, too.

The Reason

With this explanation he dismissed the suggestion that he was becoming increasingly popular in America.

His latest film is to be shown there. It is expected to make 400,000 dollars more than his previous one. Simply because it was given a circuit deal and the last one wasn't.

Today, his film earnings help to subsidize his theatrical ventures.

At present he is working for a quarter of his normal salary, because he felt that The Prisoner was a play "which ought to be done".

His next film will be for Mr. Rank—"I owe him two. He's been awfully nice about it." It will still be in the light vein—with a Paris setting and, probably, Odile Versois as one of his stars.

(London Express Service)

Textile Market Comes To Life Again

A Hopeful Sign Of Recovery In US Economy?

New York, May 16. The long-dormant textile market showed strength this week as more than 70,000,000 yards of cotton print cloths moved on increased demand from weavers.

Prices advanced up to 1/8 cent per yard. While some of the pick-up was attributed to seasonal influences, many were hopeful that the stronger tone would carry over into other sections of the industry.

Cotton mills have for a long time been plagued with over-production and loss of markets to competing fibres but now it appears to be making some headway in adjusting itself to reduced demand. Other segments of the textile industry—notably rayons—might take longer, possibly until the Autumn before realising a more equitable balance between supply and demand.

According to an estimate by the Journal of Commerce, US mills, operating 500,000 looms on a three-shift six-day basis, are capable of turning out over 2,500,000,000 yards of synthetics and more than 12,000,000,000 yards of cotton annually. This volume cannot be absorbed by domestic consumption or by exports.

Normally American consumers and foreign markets can absorb US output, but a two-shift day or six-day week, but the industry ran into inventory surpluses whenever it ventured into three-shift operation for extended periods.

In another part of the economic picture, the stock market began next week its ninth month of firmness, reflecting favourable earnings of leading corporations, a decline on the part of investors that business will experience only a nominal adjustment. Activity on the New York Stock Exchange has picked up noticeably this year. On Wednesday, the market had its thirtieth 2,000,000-share day in 1954. In all of 1953, the market enjoyed only 23 such high-volume days.

Unemployment in the US slackened and according to indications continues to decline. For the week ended April 24, unemployment showed a drop of 260,000 from the corresponding week in March. The trend, however, was strongly disputed by labour leaders last week.

TAX RELIEF SOUGHT

They insisted the unemployed totalled the equivalent of 5,000,000 and called for a Government programme of federal aid and tax relief to spur consumer buying.

Steel continued to lag in making its expected April recovery. Some steel buyers to place orders as the seriousness of the steel negotiation becomes more apparent on the theory that it might be a good idea to have some extra steel around just in case.

Meanwhile, some improvement in inventories has been noted. Rate of steel orders, according to Iron Age, has been increasing. Some mills now find new business supporting current operations for the first time in months.

Many buyers—out of the market for some time—are now turning up. According to the American Iron and Steel Institute, steel operations will function at 68.6 per cent of capacity this week, with an estimated output of 1,630,000 tons, or 18,000 tons below last week.

The government report last week said that the first-quarter output of goods and services was at an annual rate of about 358,000,000,000 tons of 1 1/2 per cent below the rate in the final quarter of 1953.

Construction continued high, employment showed a drop for the first time since October, spending continued at a high rate and inventories were reduced by about \$5,000,000,000 on an annual basis.

President Eisenhower blamed the inventory pile-up for the business dip. If the trend continues, merchants will stop up their orders, thus spurring factory production.

The American soft coal industry has submitted a host of plans calculated to help sell at least 50 million tons a year. Production thus far has been 17 per cent lower, with mounting unemployment and reduced operations predicted for this year. Main target of coal operators and unions has been residual oil competition.

The industry's suggestions to Government agencies range from a 10 per cent Government purchase of coal for its various activities to a 10 per cent Government purchase of coal for its various activities to a 10 per cent Government purchase of coal for its various activities.

US Steel Output Rate Better

New York, May 17. Steel mills in the US last week operated at the best rate in three months and output this week is estimated just slightly lower, American Iron & Steel Institute reported today.

Operations this week are scheduled at 70 per cent for 1,600,000 tons, an index of 103.8. A month ago, the industry operated at 68.6 per cent for 1,630,000 tons, an index of 101.8, and a year ago at 99.8 per cent for 2,250,000 tons, an index of 140.1.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$287,540. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Talent Spotter

THERE are some men so proportioned that if they were to walk around with the complete works of Shakespeare in one pocket and a pressure-cooker in another, their outline would hardly be altered.

Other, leaner, men appear to bulge if they so much as slip a ball-point pen into their pocket. Such a one is Frank.

A policeman on duty in Leicester Square, the other evening, saw Frank standing just past the cinema queues, and immediately, he braced himself for action. For Frank's pockets bulged as though he had in them a set of croquet balls or the jackpot of a coconut shy.

The policeman strode over. "Excuse me," he said, "Mind showing me what this is you've got in your pockets?"

ORANGES AND

FRANK did mind, but wisely, and knowing he was on good ground, he brought out from the bulging pockets, first one orange, then another, then another.

"Oh, very well," said the officer. For the policeman, the matter ended there. But not for Frank, who began to deliver to the interested police a loud comment on the police, the state, and the dwindling freedom of its citizens.

"Move on, now," said the policeman.

Frank did so. He ran off at the double, shouting imprecations, and accidentally brushing people to his right and left, almost bowling some of them over.

SECOND ENCOUNTER

A FEW moments later, another policeman arrested him for using insulting words and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

At Bow Street, Frank pleaded not guilty to the charge, and when the police story had been told to Mr. Bertram Reece, the magistrate, Frank was invited to give his version.

He stormed round to the witness-box and took the oath.

MY JOBS

"WHAT are you by occupation?" the learned clerk asked him. "I'm a businessman, a circus-man and a showman," Frank said.

"Are you in work now?"

"Yes," said Frank. "Foreign stamps."

"What's that got to do with circuses?" Mr. Reece inquired in a tone of one wanting to get everything quite straight.

"Well, it's like this," Frank said, leaning over towards the magistrate. "Say I saw you on the stage, and I thought you'd got some talent, and your price was reasonable, then I might ask some small circus man if he was interested. If you was really good..."

"No, no, no, leave me out of it," the magistrate said.

I'M IMPORTANT

RATHER reluctantly Frank stopped talent-spotting. Just at the point where it seemed he might be out to make the magistrate a firm and handsome offer. He decided to blow his own trumpet for a change.

"As every man and woman in England knows," he said, "I am a very important man."

"Oh no," said Mr. Reece, "there are so many important people in this country. Tell me about this incident."

Frank did, and when he had done, the magistrate said: "Well, you behaved in a very silly and stupid fashion. No doubt you were incensed when the police stopped you, but if you'd gone away, nothing would have happened. I shall discharge you absolutely."

"Pah!" said Frank, ungratefully, and picking up his coat, hat, and brief case from the dock seat, he stormed out, back to the calm, sane world of circus folk, show people or stamp collectors, whichever it was he was inhabiting that morning.

McCarthy, Army Hearings Halted

Washington, May 17. Senator Joseph McCarthy's public tussle with the Army was halted suddenly today because of a ruling from President Eisenhower banning the disclosure of conversations in the Defence Department.

Senator Karl Mundt, Acting Chairman, said the Senate Investigations Subcommittee had agreed to recess its hearings while it sought an interpretation of the White House order.

He told reporters the members were not agreed whether the hearings should be suspended for two days or a week or "some other period."

Senator McCarthy called it an "almost unbelievable situation" and said, "For some fantastically strange reason the Iron Curtain is pulled down."

He did not think the President would have issued the order "if he knew what it was all about." The questions raised by it included whether future occupants of the White House "can, by an executive order, keep the facts from the American people," the Senator said.

The ruling confirming an earlier Administration order is that staff of the Defence Department must not disclose any private conversations held there on the McCarthy dispute with the Army. Reuter.

THE ORDER

Washington, May 17. President Eisenhower today ordered Administration high officials not to disclose any private conversations held there on the McCarthy dispute with the Army. Reuter.

It was understood that President Eisenhower was directly concerned with Mr. John Adams, Army Department counsel, who is scheduled to testify today before the Committee.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General Herbert Brownell forbade the publication of an FBI document which Senator Joseph McCarthy had used to prove that the US Army had not taken adequate steps to eliminate suspects from the US Army electronics laboratories of Fort Monmouth. —France-Press.

Secret Geneva Meeting

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some attacks on Highway 41 in Indo-China.

The Vietnamese Minister told Mr. Eden he had no objection to his letter being read at today's secret session.

The Western Ministers were believed to have sought clarification of Russia's proposal that a neutral commission be set up to supervise an Indo-China armistice.

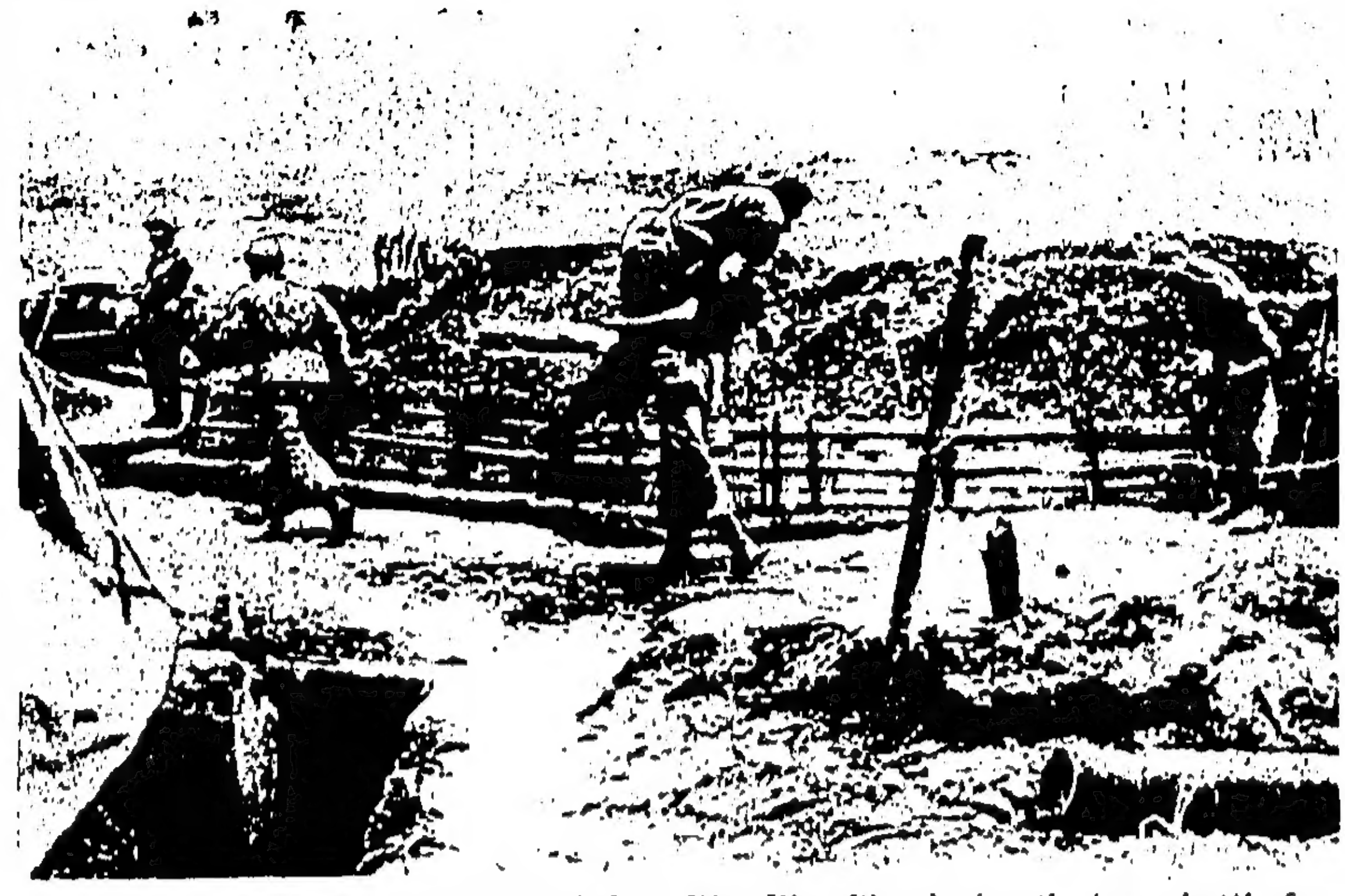
This proposal was made by Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, at the fourth plenary session of the Indo-China talks on Friday. It modified the eight-point Vietnamese plan for a simultaneous military and political settlement without international supervision.

France, with the support of Britain and the United States, has called for an internationally controlled armistice in Vietnam as the first step to a general settlement.

It argues that Laos and Cambodia present no political problems and the only requirement is the withdrawal from the two smaller states of invading Vietnamese forces.

Before today's session, Mr. Deng called on Mr. Molotov, who shared the chairmanship of the Indo-China talks with Mr. Eden. Meanwhile, experts of the six non-Communist nations met to discuss their tactics, and Mr. Eden called on M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister. —Reuter.

Dramatic Dien Bien Phu Picture



Wounded soldiers are evacuated at Dien Bien Phu during the tense battle for the famous fortress in the Indo-China war. This picture was taken a few days before Dien Bien Phu was overrun and captured by the Vietnamese. — London Express.

Petrovs To Give Evidence

Canberra, May 18. The senior Commonwealth counsel to the Royal Commission on Espionage here indicated today that both Vladimir Petrov and his wife would give evidence before the Commission.

The inquiry was touched off when Petrov, Third Secretary at the Soviet Embassy, sought political asylum in Australia, bringing documents with him. His wife Evodkia followed.

The counsel, Mr. W. J. V. Windyey, resuming his opening address on the second day of the inquiry, said that letters granting the Petrovs political asylum would not be produced until the Petrovs gave evidence before the Commission.

He said only one copy of these letters, signed by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, was in existence. The letters were in the possession of the Petrovs.

Mr. Windyey revealed there were six MVD (secret police) officials in Australia. They were Petrov, who was a colonel; Mrs. Petrov, who was a captain; F. V. Kisiltsin, second secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra, who was a lieutenant-colonel; V. Antonov, Tass correspondent, who was a major; Y. E. Plutkins, an attaché at the Embassy, and a man named Kovalev, who was sent to relieve Petrov.

Mr. Windyey said the MVD listed two others—E. Kovalev, the Commercial Attaché, and Kharikovev, the Press Attaché—without the knowledge of the Ambassador and other Embassy members.

He revealed that two Russian military intelligence officers were in Australia between December 1951 and February 1953.

MALICIOUS FOULNESS Kisiltsin was one of the three men escorting Mr. Petrov back to Russia by plane when she decided to seek political asylum in Australia.

Mr. Windyey said the Russian dossiers were full of "malicious foulness."

One document claimed one person's remote ancestor was a sexual perverser and in another place a man was alleged to be an embezzler.

"Document A"—was said by Petrov to have been prepared by an Australian and typed in the Embassy about members of the Canberra press gallery.

"Document B" claimed one man lured a named woman into degenerate conduct and encouraged her to be a diplomat. It suggested another man had a woman acquaintance who suffered from a social disease.

Mr. Windyey said one rather well-known person was alleged to have sought adulterous intercourse with a woman on the promise she would be safe if the Japanese came to Australia. He described the document as a "form of beastly cowardice" and a "farago of facts, fables and lies."

He said the person who gave the Russian intelligence information was not a public figure or connected with public life. —Reuter.

Woman Weeps After Being Sentenced

A weeping woman was sent to prison for six months by Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning for possession of 22 tael of prepared opium and a quantity of other opium substances, worth over \$8,000.

The accused, Tang Lai-chun, 34, married woman, of 462 Queen's Road West, first floor, had originally pleaded not guilty to the charge of possession of dangerous drugs.

This morning, however, Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared on her behalf and told the Court that he had done over the whole matter with his client, and he had been instructed to reverse the plea.

Inspector T. Kavanagh told the Court that shortly before 3 p.m. on March 12, a Police party executed a search warrant at 462 Queen's Road West, first floor, where the accused occupied a cubicle. In her cubicle was found the prepared opium, and a quantity of opium dross, opium residue, raw opium, two opium pipe heads and 11 small empty pots, all inside a basket.

At the Police Station, the accused, in answer to the charge, said the things were put inside her cubicle by her brother-in-law, and that she had warned him it was against the law.

EIGHT CHILDREN In mitigation, Mr. d'Almada stated that the woman's husband was a mason by trade. She was looking after eight children in all, the first three of which were of her husband's previous marriage.

Counsel said her brother-in-law told her the basket contained something other than opium, but she overheard a conversation between her brother-in-law and someone else, in the course of which the word "opium" was mentioned. She became very annoyed with him, and they had frequent violent quarrels.

The accused told him, Mr. d'Almada stated, that the matter would have come to a head if the Police had not raided the premises. He asked His Honour to take into account what he called the honesty of her statement, and the fact that she had a four-month old child to look after.

He asked for a fine in lieu of imprisonment.

In passing sentence, His Honour pointed out the seriousness of the offence, saying that the drug could cause great harm to people and a lot of people used it to make money. He said he would take into consideration that this was her first offence.

The opium, pipe-heads and pots were ordered to be confiscated.

Students On Way To Red China

Singapore, May 18. The steamer Rajah Brooke arrived in Singapore yesterday from Kuching with 31 Chinese students who are in transit to Communist China.

The students, among whom were six girls, will leave on the first available boat for China. —Reuter.

School Property: Appeal Against Judgment

Further legal arguments were presented by leading Counsel for appellants when hearing of an appeal against the judgment of the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, who gave judgment with costs to plaintiff (respondent) for possession of the property housing the Sih Nam School, No. 1 Oaklands Path, Upper Levels, continued before the Full Court this morning.

The original action involved the alleged sale of the property during the Japanese occupation.

Appellants are Chu Yam-on, schoolmaster, and Cheung Lam-chau, headmaster, both of the Sih Nam School. They are represented by Mr. John McNeill, QC, and Mr. S.V. Gittins, both instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

Named as second defendant in the original action was Leung Sai-foon, schoolmaster, who was stated in evidence during the hearing to have died prior to the issue of the writ in 1948.

Respondent is Li Tam Toi-hing of No. 8 Kennedy Terrace, ground floor, the wife of Mr. Li Koon-chun, prominent Hong-kong merchant. Appearing on her behalf are the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, both on the instructions of Mr. Y. K. Kan.

Continuing his submissions from yesterday, Mr. McNeill said this morning that from the judgment the Chief Justice had stated that he was not satisfied that even upon the document which set out trustees' powers there had been mutual trust, and the learned Trial Judge, Counsel said, appeared to find his decision upon some influence which was wholly unsupported by the evidence.

The Chief Justice had suggested that there was an acquiescence by members of the Board of Directors, and Counsel suggested that that was not supported by any evidence whatsoever.

BOARD NEVER MET

Counsel next read from the record the evidence of Mr. Lau Tak-po, a member of the Board of Directors who managed the School, and said that the evidence of a gentleman of standing in the Colony was considered ample, on the point of breach of trust. The point of importance, Counsel stressed, was that the Board of Directors during the Japanese occupation never met and Mr. Lau had stated he knew nothing of the sale.

Mr. McNeill said that the point he had been dealing with was that the registration of the Japanese assignment was not good, and before leaving that point he would refer the Court to respondent's exhibit, a certified copy of a registration in the Land Office, which was referred to yesterday.

On the second page appeared, curiously enough, a registration in June, 1950, of his pendens (a pending suit, action, petition or matter, particularly one relating to land) in this action. Under the Registration Ordinance that took priority of any subsequent registration, said Counsel.

The action was started in 1949 and therefore the lis pendens being registered in June, 1950, did not come within section 5 of the Ordinance and therefore this priority dated from the date of registration, Counsel argued.

The object of creating a priority for his pendens was to slow litigation to proceed to its end without being affected by subsequent transactions he said, and quoted an authority to support his argument.

Whatever right plaintiff (respondent) might have by registering that Japanese assignment could only arise at the date of registration, Counsel submitted. She could not come to the Court and say, "We have no notice of our own action which we registered as lis pendens in which prior equitable right had already been alleged in the defence."

ISSUE RAISED

The object of registering a lis pendens was to say that it was a lis which raised certain rights. A defence was filed raising this issue in 1949, six months before registration of the lis pendens, and Counsel said that the issue was raised of this trust before registration of the Japanese assignment.

The defence was filed on November 30, 1949, and from the very beginning the issue of a trust of some kind was raised. Turning to the question of the purchase price or pecuniary consideration which was referred to in section 8(1) of the Ordinance, Mr. McNeill said that a pecuniary consideration of MY\$2,000, and on the face of the document that consideration had been paid. Counsel was considering the accuracy of the statement sworn in the registration of the document.

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By Air: Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m. Indo-China, 6 p.m. Formosa, by Surface: Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

By Air: Taiwan, 9 a.m. Indo-China, 10 a.m. Formosa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 2 p.m. Japan, Korea, 6 p.m. Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m. Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

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Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.05 Melody with the Stars; 6.30 BBC Bandstand; 6.55 Scottish C.W.S. Band; 7.00 News; 7.15 "First Hearing" presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 7.30 Weather Report; 7.45 Time Signal and World News (London); 8.00 News Talk (Studio); 8.15 Shirley Abrahams with Sidney Bright (Piano); 8.30 Forces Favourites (London); 8.45 "Time Signal"; 9.00 Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T.F. Ryan, S.J. (Studio); 9.15 News and Henry Ridgeley (BBC); 9.30 London Studio Melodies; Jack Colles and His Orchestra; Modern Music; Guy Catley (Soprano) (BBC); 10.30 At the Ballet; Polovian Dances from "Prince Igor" (De Falla); 10.45 The London Philharmonic Choir (Chorus Master: Frederick Jackson); 11.00 "Love, The Magician" (De Falla); 11.15 News Report; 11.30 Time Signal; 11.45 Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.50 Close down.

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